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Lamont challenges Major over ERM



Lamont: "We must stay clear of fiscal union"

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

IN A frank appraisal of the events of a year ago when Britain was forced out of the European exchange-rate mechanism, Norman Lamont says he considered resigning at the time but John Major had told him he did not want him to go. "Had I known how he would change his mind as he did, I would have done so, " he says.

Writing in *The Times* on the anniversary of Black Wednesday, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer describes the collapse of Britain's ERM policy as "a humiliation for the government, the prime minister and myself". Mr Lamont calls on the prime minister to pull Britain out of future European Community talks on monetary union, reviving the Tory feud on Europe. Although both Mr Major and Kenneth Clarke have spoken frequently of the unrealistic timetable for monetary union they have chosen not to risk upsetting Britain's EC partners by renouncing it. In a message that will increase the likelihood of his becoming the unofficial leader of the Tory Euro-sceptics Mr Lamont urges Mr Major to state categorically that Britain will not participate in a single currency. He says that Britain entered the ERM for the wrong reasons — because Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, wanted to demonstrate their European credentials — and suggests that he was preparing the ground for a suspension of membership.

The humiliation of Black Wednesday, by Norman Lamont
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Writing in *The Sun* today, Mr Lamont appears to be criticising Mr Major. "Given the right leadership, the British people could equal the best in the world."

Mr Lamont's latest intervention highlights the most embarrassing episode of Mr Major's premiership. It will add to the pressure on Mr Major as he prepares for a party conference that could be vital to his survival. With Mr Major's leadership under question, and renewed speculation at Westminster over whether he will face a challenge in November, Mr Lamont has again raised an issue that the prime minister hoped could be put aside with the ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

Tory rightwingers last night suggested it was premature to talk of a challenge. Under new rules brought in after Margaret Thatcher's downfall 34 Tory MPs would have to write to the chairman of the 1922 committee requesting a contest.

Mr Lamont's words will strengthen his credentials with the Tory Euro-sceptics, who have been ambivalent about him because of his willingness to operate within the ERM. He says that even when the problems caused by German unification had been digested "I doubt if Europe will be able to return to fixed rates".

Prime minister brushes aside increase in inflation rate

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

MINISTERS were under siege last night after an unexpected surge in prices punctured their boasts that Britain was moving into an inflation-free world.

The rise in the August RPI figure to 1.7 per cent, from 1.4 per cent in July, and disappointing retail sales figures wiped £8.8 billion off shares and sent the FTSE-100 index crashing 39 points to below the 3,000 barrier. Coming only 24 hours after the Chancellor cited success in the battle against inflation as justification for freezing the public sector pay bill next year, the latest figures were ammunition to his critics in the unions and the Opposition.

But John Major brushed the figures aside, insisting that they did not weaken the case for a pay squeeze and that the government would concentrate on keeping price rises in the 1 to 4 per cent target range. "We have made great progress on inflation, and we are not going to throw it away," the prime minister said during a tour of Birmingham to rally support among party workers.

"We cannot allow the public sector pay bill to rise. Over the past two years the country has made great efforts, great sacrifices to get our economy back on a growing trend with low inflation. We are not going to throw that away now."

The Treasury insisted that, in a historical context, the inflation performance was encouraging. The figure had remained below 2 per cent all this year; the last time it was at this level was in 1967.

Stephen Dorrell, the financial secretary, came under the heaviest fire after his attempt on Tuesday to justify an end to automatic pay rises. "In an inflation-free world, this must be the expectation, not just for one year, not just in the public sector, but right across the economy year after year," he said then.

Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU transport union , said Mr Dorrell was living in an economic fantasy world and predicted an "industrial uprising" if the government held fast. Inflation was clearly increasing even before the impact of VAT on domestic fuel and possible tax increases in the November Budget, he said, adding: "A nil pay increase in the public sector means asking millions of low-paid workers to take a real wage cut."

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, said the figures exposed the nonsense of government claims that it had conquered inflation. Alan Jinkinson, leader of Unison, the public workers union, agreed the RPI figure gave the lie to ministerial claims of an inflation-free world.

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said that ministers had been foolish in claiming to have defeated inflation. Its control required constant vigilance and an independent central bank. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, warned of falling living standards with inflation rising and tax increases due from April.

City analysts said the inflation figure was disappointing and showed that expectations were too optimistic. Helen Dunn, of Lehman Brothers International, said the figures confirmed that the best news on prices was now in the past.

Another analyst said the sharpness of the rise had caught everyone by surprise. Reports of the death of inflation had been exaggerated.

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Divorce plan would cut out court battle

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A RADICAL shake-up of the divorce laws aimed at allowing couples to split up formally within 12 months, provided they go to mediation, is to be unveiled by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, this autumn.

Couples who intend to divorce are likely to be required first to visit a "family advice centre", where they would be advised how to sort matters out without necessarily resorting to the law.

The plan for a national network of "first-stop" advice centres will be part of a package of measures to make divorce laws far less adversarial. Officials are preparing a green paper which is expected to scrap the "fault" basis of the divorce laws, as recommended by the Law Commission in its report on divorce reform in November 1990.

Instead of the present minimum two-year wait (unless adultery or unreasonable behaviour is alleged), couples would be able to obtain a divorce simply, without any need for allegations, after one year. During the 12-month cooling-off period they would sort out the arrangements for their children and finances.

Officials are looking at ways of creating a national network of family advice centres that would act both as information points and refer couples to mediators, counsellors or lawyers as appropriate. The proposals aim to dispense with the idea that lawyers are the first port of call when a marriage breaks down. Officials believe this would reduce the number of disputes that end in court and, as a result, cut the soaring legal aid bill.

Lord Mackay, who is consulting widely before drawing up the final options, is believed to have ruled out an earlier idea that all couples who intend to divorce should be forced go through mediation or conciliation services. Nor is he thought to favour insisting that couples go to mediation before they can qualify for legal aid.

If it is to win Treasury approval, however, any reform package must demonstrate that it will not increase costs and, if possible, cut them. A compulsory diagnostic visit to a family centre is therefore being considered.



Officials are looking closely at a pioneering project in Cambridge; the Family and Divorce Centre, an independent charitable agency, offers a comprehensive mediation service and refers people on to other agencies. If couples opt for mediation, trained mediators help them to reach agreement on matters such as property and maintenance.

The centre, which was set up by solicitors and mediators, is funded by grants and donations. Couples are charged for specific services according to financial circumstances. They might be referred for marital counselling, to organisations such as Relate or private counsellors, or for child guidance or legal advice. Unusually, the centre also provides joint appointments with solicitors so couples can see them together and, if they wish, couples can attend for information only, rather than legal advice.

Rosemary Carter, a solicitor and qualified mediator who works at the centre, said: "The service has excited quite a lot of interest, particularly its diagnostic service, which we use as a way of making sure people are directed through the right channels."

She said the service helped to keep divorce from escalating into a courtroom dispute. "If the service can get their hands on a couple, it is more likely the matter can be dealt with amicably. Mediation is not a panacea in every case. But if you can get couples to talk and agree on matters such as contact with children and residence, and then on financial matters with an order then drawn up by the lawyers, it can only be for the good of the family."

The first-stop family centre could be grafted on to existing mediation services: there are about 60 local services funded by a mixture of public money, grants, and fees from clients under the auspices of the National Association of Family Mediation and Conciliation Services. Last year, the association dealt with 16,000 people.

The Family Mediators' Association, which has about 300

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Young engineer in the swing



Lucy Porter, 16, of Bath, demonstrating the swing she designed for handicapped children and which won her the Engineering Council's Young Engineer award

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Girl friend says Florida couple 'had no chance'

By Nicholas Watt in London and David Adams in Tallahasser

THE girl-friend of the British tourist murdered in Florida said yesterday that he did not stand a chance when armed robbers opened fire at point-blank range through the windows of their hire car.

Margaret Jagger, 34, from Wilsden, near Bradford, who was grazed by a bullet as she sat next to Gary Colley, said: "Whether we opened the window or closed it, we were still going to get killed."

The couple were resting in a car park at about 2.30am on Tuesday when two armed teenagers approached and tapped on the windows. As Mr Colley backed out to drive away, his car was blocked in and the teenagers fired their guns through windows on both sides, hitting Mr Colley in the neck and grazing Ms Jagger's right arm and chest.

In an emotional phone call to her mother in Bradford, West Yorks, Ms Jagger described the ordeal as she recovered at the mansion of Florida's governor. Afterwards her mother, Muriel Jagger, 66, said: "Margaret told me she had been very very fortunate. I think she will want to come home as soon as possible but we do not know when it will be because we do not know what is happening yet."

Police in Florida were yesterday searching for two suspects after their stolen car was found in Monticello, in northern Florida. Major Shelly Plymale, of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, said: "We found what we were looking for — some damage to the vehicle and a hubcap centre missing that matched a part that we found at the scene."

Police described the two gunmen as slender black youths about 15 to 17 years old, wearing baggy shorts and bright-coloured shirts. A third suspect is believed to have driven the getaway car.

Mr Colley's father yesterday urged American authorities to do more to protect tourists. Terry Colley, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire, said: "The United States is a sick country. There must be something they can do to change things there."

The victim's mother, Brenda Armitage, who has remarried, said her son was devoted to Margaret and they loved travelling together. "They were always very careful and they knew how to take care of themselves. I won't say what I think of the killers. I don't hate them, not yet. I probably will later. I cannot even think properly yet."

Science joins music at the Albert Hall

By Marcus Binney

THE Albert Hall is to take on a new role as a centre for scientific exhibitions. In plans to be announced this morning £20 million is to be spent on improvements to make the hall fit to host scientific conventions from around the world.

The chief executive, Patrick Deuchar, said yesterday : "Major changes and innovations are needed not only to the building itself but to the scope of its use and the way it appeals to the public if it is to remain the nation's village hall into the 21st century."

Mr Deuchar feels strongly that the Albert Hall's role as a focus of sciences as well as arts needs rejuvenating. "All the institutions on the south Kensington museum site, including the colleges of art and mining have formed a consortium with the aim of fulfilling Albert's dream of a centre of world excellence in science and art," he said.

Despite the changes the Albert Hall will still be used for concerts and will remain home to the Proms. Mr Deuchar said: "Average attendances are 82 per cent and last year's surplus of £1.2m will increase this year to £1.4m. All this money can be reinvested in the building. Under our new plans the Albert Hall will become a forum for major scientific gatherings, exhibitions and displays."

The hall was built in 1867-71 and designed by officers of the Royal Engineers. It was originally conceived at the centrepiece of a trade exhibition in 1862 but abandoned on grounds of cost. The project was revived after the death of the prince consort and built with the Albert Memorial.

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Cartoons fail to make the EC laugh

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DAFFY Duck, Bugs Bunny, Scooby Doo and Fred and Thelma Flintstone are poised to become embroiled in the first test-case of the European Commission's drive to ban American imports from the Continent's television screens.

Less than 48 hours before the popular cartoon characters appear on The Cartoon Network, a new satellite channel due to be launched tomorrow, João de Deus Pinheiro, the EC commissioner for culture, has said that they are not welcome.

Senhor de Deus Pinheiro, in a letter to Peter Brooke, the heritage minister, demanded to know why Britain had granted Ted Turner, the founder of Cable News Network, a satellite broadcasting licence enabling him to beam cartoons into millions of European homes. He said the channel could be in breach of the EC's broadcasting directive, which requires that 51 per cent of all programmes should be of European origin.

Senhor de Deus Pinheiro, whose complaints are believed to have been prompted by the French, also has in his sights Mr Turner's other new satellite channel, TNT, featuring old MGM films.

His complaint is unlikely to receive a sympathetic hearing in Britain, which is rapidly establishing itself as the satellite capital of Europe. So far 50 "non-domestic" satellite channels have been set up in London.

The heritage department said it was satisfied that the Cartoon Network met all regulatory requirements.



Fred Flintstone: accused of breaking EC rules

Heads not amused by claim of bias against private schools



A sombre audience of headmasters for John Patten, right, the education secretary

Patten threatens university courses accused of boycott

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, threatened yesterday to halt teacher training courses at universities that refuse to send their students to independent schools.

At least two complaints of discrimination by universities against the independent sector are being investigated by the education department. Mr Patten refused to name the institutions concerned, but headmasters said Oxford University's education department was the worst offender.

Mr Patten made his announcement in a speech to the Headmasters' Conference in Oxford, where he was once a university lecturer. The involvement of Oxford will be doubly embarrassing for him as the university is within his constituency.

Professor Richard Pring, Oxford's professor of educational studies, said he was "absolutely dumbfounded" by the charge because he had explained his department's policy personally to Mr Patten. Although all the schools used to train Oxford students were from the state sector there was no bar on independent schools.

The university turned down an approach from Eton College two years ago because it considered the school too far away for students who had to travel there every day. Since then, he said, there had been no applications from independent schools to take Oxford students.

But Arthur Hearnden, general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council, said later that Oxford was well known for refusing to cooperate with independent schools. Vivian Anthony, the secretary of the Headmasters' Conference, said: "Our relations with Oxford have always been totally appalling."

Mr Patten departed from his prepared text to raise the issue. He said: "If it is clear that individual independent schools have gone to institutions and sought a partnership in teacher training, and been consistently refused because they are independent, I do have the powers, which I would not hesitate to use after proper investigation, to withdraw approval from those courses."

He said later that one complaint had been made to him and he would warn the university concerned to "mend its ways" or lose approval for its teacher training courses. "Imagine the outrage if a higher education institution refused to take a school from the state sector," he said.

Mary Russell, secretary of the Universities Council on the Education of Teachers, said most departments were happy to involve independent schools although some felt that since most students would teach in state schools it was better for them to be trained there.

Mr Patten is reorganising teacher training to give schools rather than universities the leading role. He announced yesterday that independent schools would be invited to form training consortiums next year as long as they followed the national curriculum.

Mr Patten told the headmasters that the old divisions between state and independent schools were rapidly breaking down. "The best of the self-governing schools will prove a match for even a well-run independent school which does not move with the times. And the competition comes not only from state schools, but from the newly independent further education corporations where I am looking for spectacular growth in the next three years."

☐ The largest teaching union clashed with Mr Patten yesterday over a pay claim of about 14 per cent (Ben Preston writes).

A submission by the National Union of Teachers to the independent pay review body called for an 8 per cent rise next year, plus an across-the-board payment of £1,000.

Mr Patten claimed the demand could cost up to 80,000 jobs. He said: "In the present economic climate and in a tight public expenditure round, any such claim would clearly be unrealistic." The union says teachers are undervalued and predicts an exodus from the profession when the recession ends.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BR denies west coast has lost £150m aid

The government was last night in the middle of another controversy over the future of British Rail as industry sources indicated that InterCity may not get £150 million for new trains on the Euston to Glasgow west coast main line (Tim Jones writes). Instead, the money is likely to go to Network SouthEast for 40 Networker trains to replace ageing stock on its London commuter services.

According to one source, the BR board favours the SouthEast option because of a dispute with GEC Alsthom over the price of the 14 new 225 trains for the west coast route. BR denied that a decision had been made but Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman, said he had been told that the west coast line had lost. John Prescott, shadow transport secretary, claimed the line could be closed north of Manchester once BR was privatised. He told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme that companies bidding for the more profitable east coast route would not want competition.

Arms trade defended

Ministers and officials did not "play fast and loose" with guidelines designed to restrict the flow of military equipment to Iraq, the Scott enquiry was told yesterday. The guidelines were modified after the 1988 ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, but the significance of the change had been "over-dramatised", the enquiry was told. Robert Young, who was head of the Foreign Office's Middle East department in 1987-91, insisted that ministers had not misled MPs and the public over the extent of arms exports.

Mirror to go into TV

The Mirror group, announcing pre-tax profits for the last six months up 100 per cent to £33.8 million, has disclosed plans to move into cable or satellite television. David Montgomery, MGN chief executive, said the ghost of its late proprietor Robert Maxwell had finally been exorcised from its five papers. Share placing, page 23; Tempus, page 27

Sheehy data 'flawed'

The Police Federation has accused the Sheehy enquiry on police pay of using flawed research to decide whether new policemen were earning starting salaries comparable with the private sector. Professor Robert Elliott, an economics adviser to the federation, said the starting salary proposed by the enquiry was arbitrary and would put off recruits.

Train gunwoman held

A woman who commandeered a Portsmouth-to-Brighton commuter train after threatening the guard with an air pistol when he asked for her ticket was last night arrested under the Mental Health Act. The woman, aged 33, from Brighton, who also had two knives, gave herself up after talking to a negotiator for more than two hours.

Parkinson rejects claim

Lord Parkinson yesterday denied a claim by his former mistress Sara Keays that he argued for their handicapped daughter to be put into care so that he would not have to provide for her. He made a statement through his solicitor at a High Court hearing that followed comments made by Ms Keays in breach of a court order. She apologised to the court.

Broadmoor man caught

Police last night recaptured Dennis Grant, 31, who escaped from Broadmoor Hospital, Berkshire, while cleaning cars with another prisoner and two members of staff outside the walls. An enquiry is under way into how he got away. Grant was convicted in 1984 of burglary with intent to rape, assault and making threats to kill.

After the dino-show

The *Jurassic Park* roadshow might have passed by, but dinomania reached new heights yesterday when an anonymous bidder paid £3,000 for a plateful of fossilised dinosaur droppings at an auction held by Bonhams in their Knightsbridge, west London, salerooms. Ten sauropod eggs found in China fetched £46,000.

Divorce without court battle

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members, also offers a service in which couples have sessions with a solicitor and mediator working together.

The Solicitors' Family Law Association endorses the use of mediation but it is concerned about advice being given by people who are not lawyers. Nigel Shepherd, the vice-chairman, said: "We accept that much work needs to be done in educating lawyers about other options that are available. And we are prepared to accept that there perhaps should be a change to the rules requiring lawyers to give such information to clients. But other agencies should at the same time have to give information about us."

Where legal advice was needed, he said, it should be given by trained people. "Clients should have the right to choose where they turn for help at probably the most traumatic time in their lives."

At present, 160,000 couples divorce each year and the rate is rising. Ninety per cent of applications are undefended. The sole basis for divorce now is the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage and couples must cite at least one of five grounds to demonstrate that collapse. Three of the five grounds retain fault: adultery, unreasonable behaviour, and desertion for at least two years. Otherwise, if both parties consent to the divorce, the couple must live apart for at least two years, or for five if they do not.

GCSE results

Three schools were omitted from the list of leading GCSE results in our issue of September 7. They were the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, which would have been placed 121st with 49.6 per cent of the 191 pupils' entries awarded A grades; Tiffin Boys' School, in Kingston upon Thames, 162nd, with 45.6 per cent A grades among 120 pupils; and Woodford County High School, in Essex, 232nd with 89 pupils and 40.3 per cent A grades.

Doctors say Heseltine must resist a big return

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

TORY hopes that Michael Heseltine would make a barnstorming comeback with a speech at the party conference in Blackpool next month are expected to be dashed.

The board of trade president, still recovering from his heart attack in June, is understood to have been advised by doctors that he should not subject himself so soon to the stress of preparing and delivering a big conference speech.

A decision has yet to be taken but, although Mr Heseltine is billed in the conference agenda to speak in the industry debate, Tory sources suggested last night that he was unlikely to do so.

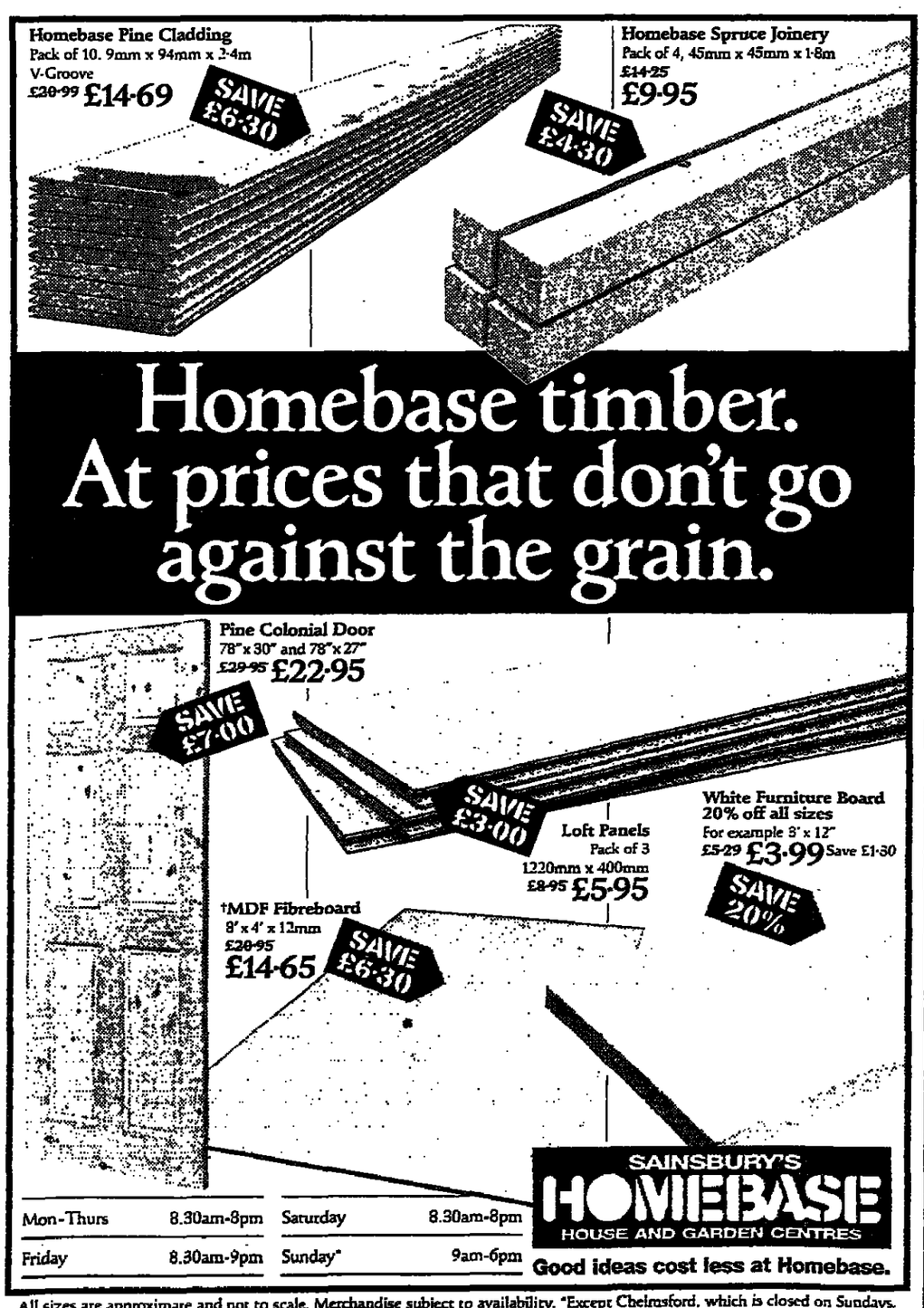
The news is a blow to John Major and the Conservative leadership as they prepare for what was already certain to be a difficult week. It also raises a serious question over Mr Heseltine's long-term future in the government.

Some Tories have said privately that Mr Heseltine really needed to make a conference speech to put his career back on the road. His wife Anne and close family are known to have been worried, however, about the prospect of him returning to the fray too soon.

Mr Heseltine's fiery speeches have become a fixture of Tory conferences as one of the events guaranteed to raise the morale of activists. Tory MPs believed that the party needed him more than ever this year.

Officials said that Mr Heseltine would be missed. However, one said: "A footballer would not expect to come back from a broken leg and play his first match in a cup final. Michael puts everything into his speeches. Perhaps it would not be the wisest way to return."

He is still likely to return to his desk at the industry department at the end of this month, although his workload is expected to be light. It is thought likely he will attend the Blackpool conference, but for once in the unlikely role of an observer.



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RAF woman wins £22,000 for pregnancy dismissal

The defence ministry could face a bill for £100 million after a servicewoman sacked for becoming pregnant won compensation

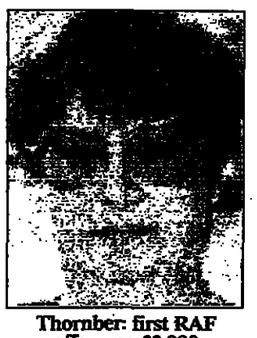
BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER RAF medical assistant won £22,000 compensation yesterday after being discharged from the services for becoming pregnant. The case could set a precedent for 4,500 women, presenting the Ministry of Defence with a bill for £100 million.

Jacqui Thornber's case was settled out of court and was the first to be resolved since a European court ruled last month that there should be no limit on compensation paid in sex discrimination hearings.

The solicitor who represents the armed forces pregnancy dismissal group, Norman Lamb, said compensation claims could total as much as £100 million.

Miss Thornber, of Leicester, who now has a seven-year-old son, had served in the RAF for four and a half years when she was discharged. She said she had not attempted to re-enlist after the child was born because she did not think she was allowed to join the RAF again.



Thornber: first RAF offer was £3,000

The ministry had originally offered her £3,000 to settle out of court. The 1,900 women from all three services who have already accepted out-of-court settlements received less than £10,000 each.

Miss Thornber brought a test case against the defence ministry after the European Court of Justice removed an £11,000 limit on sex discrimination awards to public employees.

The judgment on August 2 involved the case of Helen Marshall, a dietician who took her health authority employees to court after being forced to retire at the age of 60.

The lifting of the limit on compensation laid the defence ministry open to large claims from the thousands of servicewomen who had been discharged after becoming pregnant, a policy which was judged illegal under European law.

The settlement followed a hearing at a Croydon industrial tribunal which heard that after becoming pregnant while based at RAF Bruggen in Germany in 1985, Miss Thornber was faced with the choice of leaving the service or have an abortion.

Miss Thornber told the tribunal that pregnant women in the RAF were considered "as bad as homosexuals".

At the time, the ministry operated a policy of discharging pregnant servicewomen, in contravention of an European Community directive which came into force in 1978.

In 1990, the High Court ruled that the ministry was acting illegally and the policy was dropped. But the £11,000 limit on compensation claims remained until the European Court ruling on August 2. The court also allowed for the payment of interest on compensation retrospectively.

Mr Lamb said that since many of the outstanding cases went back several years, the ministry could face a large bill.

Miss Thornber, a single mother, told the tribunal she was on income support and studying for a degree in information and library studies.

Mr Lamb said he was delighted at the outcome. "It is a significant breakthrough," he said.

The defence ministry said it was impossible to say how much money would now be paid to servicewomen who had been sacked from their jobs for becoming pregnant. A spokeswoman said: "It really depends on the individual circumstances of each case. We will not necessarily settle out of court for all of them. If women want to take their cases to an industrial tribunal it is entirely up to them."

The spokeswoman added: "There are now a number of women in the armed services with babies and the number is growing all the time." All the bases have crèches and facilities for children. Servicewomen who become pregnant now get 14 weeks' maternity leave and can then return to work.

Teenager stages high-wire act to evade capture by police



COLIN MEARNS

A teenager hung from a telephone wire for 90 minutes after being chased by a store manager who suspected him of shoplifting. Police and fire officers watched helplessly as he dangled 20ft above the ground, after climbing onto the roof of shops at Downend, Bristol, armed with a brick. He resisted appeals to come down until the wire broke and he was taken away by police, who said the youth was uninjured

Stories of reunion upset Adie relatives

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RELATIVES of the BBC television reporter Kate Adie are taking legal advice after being distressed yesterday by national newspaper coverage of how she rediscovered her natural family.

Ms Adie, 47, who was adopted at birth, found her real sister living in Nottingham, having spent months tracking down the family after the death of her adoptive mother, Maud Adie, in 1990.

Yesterday Geoffrey Bond, who is married to Ms Adie's natural sister Dianora, said the family was horrified that a private matter had found its way into the newspapers. "My wife is very distressed at the way this has come out," he said, adding that he was taking legal advice on the disclosures.

Ms Adie, who has been TV Reporter of the Year twice, is on assignment with British troops at Vitez in Bosnia. The BBC said it would not comment on a private family matter.

Ms Adie was adopted within weeks of her birth in September 1945. She was brought up as an only child by John Adie, a pharmacist, and his wife in Sunderland. According to the published accounts, her natural mother is alive, and she has another sister and a brother.



Adie: discovered her natural family

Showjump star denies assaulting workmen

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A SIMMERING dispute between Harvey Smith, the former international showjumper, and the golf club next to his equestrian centre boiled over into a fist fight, a court was told yesterday.

Two greenkeepers required hospital treatment after the fight. One had a black eye and the other needed five stitches to a cut in his head. Smith, 54, later accused the two men of conspiring to have him convicted. One man, he said, must have blacked his own eye and the other with a cut head had fallen over.

Yesterday, at Bradford Crown Court, Smith, of Bingley, West Yorkshire, denied two charges of causing actual bodily harm to Richard Haley, 22, and Nick Faram, 53, on February 9 this year.

Gerald Lumley, prosecuting, said that Smith had been involved in a long-running row with Baildon Moor golf club over damage allegedly caused by his horses to a section of moorland near the twelfth tee. Eventually, the two parties had agreed to the laying of a bridle path.

The two men had been working on the site when Smith arrived and an argument developed over their use of a tractor on the wet ground. Mr Lumley said it became heated. "Mr Smith lost his temper. He did not like being contradicted by Mr Haley and flew at him and hit him."

Mr Haley was pushed and struck his head on the tractor, causing a one-inch cut above his right eye. When Mr Faram intervened, "he was given a crack on the head which resulted in a black eye".

Mr Lumley said Smith told police that he had felt intimidated by the men. In a statement, Smith said: "Those men meant to have me. If I hadn't been Harvey Smith, you would never have heard of this." The trial continues today.

Invitation to Germans angers veterans of war-time sinking

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS from an aircraft carrier sunk by a German U-boat in 1942 yesterday condemned a decision to invite to a reunion two of the crew responsible for the attack.

Veterans from HMS *Eagle* and other ex-servicemen of the Malta campaign hold an annual get-together to remember those who died in the battles trying to prevent the island falling to the Germans.

This year's guest list includes Horst Zimmerman, a former radio operator, and Rudolf Herholt, who was a seaman. Both were on board the U73 when it sank the *Eagle* on August 11, 1942. The U-boat itself was sunk in 1943 and its survivors also have an annual reunion.

Harry Kempshall, 74, one of 15 Royal Marine band members on board HMS *Eagle* when the torpedo struck, said: "Nine of the band were killed in the attack. They were my friends and I feel it is disrespectful to their memory to invite the two Germans. We can forgive, but we can never forget."

Norman Hefford, the George Cross Island Association's secretary, said: "Some of the *Eagle* survivors are feeling a little blue that two of the German U-boat crew are coming to the reunion."

Roy Maber, a member of the association and organiser of the reunion, to be held at Yeovilton, Somerset, said 50 years had passed and it was "time to forget". His attempts at reconciliation have met stiff opposition.

Mr Kempshall, of Yeovil, Somerset, said there were about 1,100 men on the carrier, which was shipping Spitfires to Malta. "I lost a lot of good friends," he said.

Tom Sprake, from Sturminster Newton in Dorset, said: "I think they should have asked the survivors first before inviting the U-boat crew. I'm not very happy about this."

Mr Maber said the U-boat crew had proved they were brave men for managing to get through the anti-submarine screen around the convoys taking supplies to Malta.

He said: "It is the first time we have invited the German crew to our annual get-together and as such it is something of a milestone. Half a century has passed since this happened and I hope to spark a new feeling of fraternity and friendship between old adversaries."

TODAY IN SECTION TWO



How Tina turned the tables

● Tina Turner is a rock music icon, as much for her *courage in making a new* life for herself after years of maltreatment by her husband, bandleader Ike Turner, as for the energy with which, at the age of 54, she is still touring her high-powered show and making hit records.

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● **ALSO on the arts pages:** Richard Morrison on how veteran conductor Wolfgang Sawallisch is reviving the musical fortunes of Philadelphia.

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This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Mother starts brawl at her son's wedding

BY JOE JOSEPH

POLICE were called to a wedding after the groom's mother, distraught because her son was marrying a woman she reviled, burst into the church and called out to the vicar that the couple should not wed.

Standing at the altar, taking their vows, Jason Adams and Andrea Sims spun round to find Jason's uninvited mother, Ruth Baird-Parker, was in St Mary's Church in Arnold, Nottingham.

A brawl erupted and police, who had been keeping watch from behind bushes, had to intervene. Insp Owen Rumbold said police had been warned of possible trouble: "I've never experienced anything like this before."

It was when the Rev Arthur Clarke asked the congregation to speak up if there were reasons why the couple should not marry that the jaws of 50 guests dropped as Mrs Baird-Parker yelled: "It's been a longstanding feud because she's rotten to my son.

"I'm upset that my son could be so cruel and hurtful as to not invite me. I brought up two kids on my own. I starved myself and struggled to look after them and now he turns round and hurts me."

The new Mrs Adams said after the ceremony: "I understand she doesn't like me, but out of respect for her son she could have shown a lot more maturity. She succeeded in ruining my big day.

"I didn't get a chance to walk back up the aisle to avoid trouble, I had to leave by the vestry door. But I've still succeeded in marrying her son."

Mr Clarke said it had been a "very sad day for all concerned".

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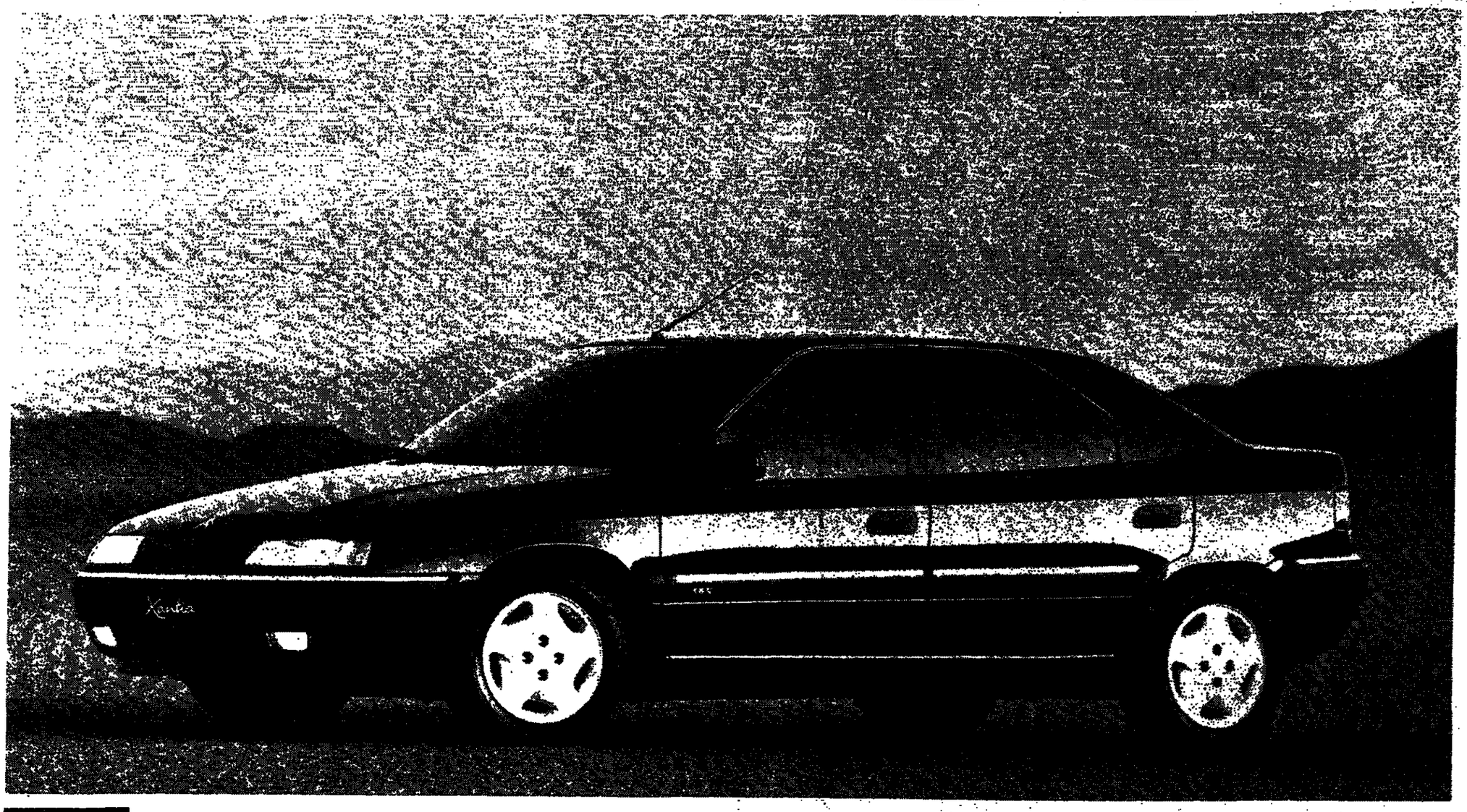
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Cancer teams warn of diagnosis risk in NHS reforms

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS with suspected cancers are at higher risk of being misdiagnosed because of changes brought in by the NHS market, specialists said yesterday.

The Royal College of Pathologists is reporting a sharp drop in the number of requests for second opinions since two centres were forced to charge for their services.

The centres in London and Birmingham have expertise in diagnosing cancer from tissue samples and the reluctance of doctors to check their diagnoses increases the likelihood of more mistakes like those in the Birmingham bone cancer scandal, consultants said.

In Birmingham, at least 28 patients with suspected bone cancer were misdiagnosed by a consultant pathologist. Some had limbs amputated or were treated with debilitating courses of chemotherapy that they did not need.

Dr Chris Fletcher, who runs the soft tissue tumour unit at St Thomas' Hospital, London, diagnosing cancers of the nerves and muscles, said his referrals form the NHS were down by more than a third since he was forced to begin charging last April, after rising in earlier years. In June, of 117 referrals from Britain and abroad, he found 12 cases which were thought to be malignant but were in fact benign, and six cases which were thought to be benign but were in fact malignant.

"In 15 per cent of the cases there is potential for a major misdiagnosis. If my referrals are down by a third over the whole year, I will see 200 fewer cases and at least 30 of them may be getting the wrong diagnosis," he said.

"The government tried to blame the Birmingham scandal on a single aberrant pathologist. But it brought to light the importance of getting a second opinion in these difficult-to-diagnose cancers. Primary soft tissue cancers are three to four times as common as primary bone tumors. If requests for second opinions fall, then there are going to be endless more Birminghams."

The Royal College of Pathologists said there had been a similar fall in referrals to the ophthalmic pathology unit at the Birmingham and Midland Eye hospital since charges were introduced. "There are many areas in pathology where diagnosis is very difficult," said a spokesman.

"Only a handful of people in the whole of Europe are acknowledged to have first-rate expertise but if doctors have to pay there is a danger they will be reluctant to refer. We are concerned that standards will start slipping."

The health department said only clinical services qualified for central funding, not diagnostic services. The pathology units must charge hospitals for their services.

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MP demands postponement of London tower-block demolition

SIMON WALKER



Charles Moran shows where one building will collapse, into area A. Nobody will be allowed into exclusion zone B

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE decision by a London council to go ahead with plans to knock down two tower blocks after a similar demolition in Glasgow killed a woman was attacked as "madness" yesterday. Tony Banks, MP for Newham, urged Hackney council to cancel the contract until the results of the Glasgow safety enquiry were published.

A woman died on Sunday after being hit by flying rubble when the 22-storey blocks were demolished. She was standing 140 yards away from them, 20 yards outside an exclusion zone set by the Health and Safety Executive.

Hackney council plans to use a similar exclusion zone on October 10 when it demolishes two 20-storey blocks.

"Hackney should stop this madness now," Mr Banks said. "They should call a halt until we know what went wrong in Glasgow. If something goes wrong, Hackney will have only itself to blame and could face prosecutions for criminal negligence."

Charles Moran, managing director of Controlled Demolition Group, which will demolish the flats, said that there was no need to review the safety regulations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police siege killing was lawful

A man shot by police after he opened fire on them during a siege was lawfully killed, an inquest at Hornsey, north London, decided yesterday.

David Luckhurst, 46, a former publican of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, was shot in the stomach after holding police at bay for four hours following a quarrel with his wife Ann.

Mrs Luckhurst said he had become "irrational, depressed and distressed" after rent increases forced him to sell the lease on his pub. He died in hospital from the gunshot wound and heart disease.

On the spot

Ambulancemen at a safety demonstration in Cardiff had to stop and revive Barrie Jones, 48, who had a heart attack arrest when he saw children covered in imitation blood.

Plants seized

Police discovered two 12ft tall cannabis plants in a greenhouse when they raided a house at Wokingham, Berkshire. Two people were taken into custody.

Piracy raid

Pirate videos of *Jurassic Park*, sports clothing, watches and perfume were among counterfeit goods worth £500,000 seized in raids by Northumbria police.

Sneeze crash

Kevin Fairish, 29, had a sneezing fit and drove his fork-lift truck backwards through a brick wall into an office at Lanchester, co. Durham.

Brief relief

Shopkeepers who spent a day cleaning graffiti from the town centre of Wokingham, Berkshire, returned the next day to find it covered with flyposters.

Flying cow

A naval helicopter lifted a cow weighing 800lb to safety when it slipped 130ft down cliffs at Chideock, Dorset.

Radiation damage women win legal aid

BY RONALD FAUX

SEVENTEEN women cancer victims who claim to have been damaged by radiation during trials of a new treatment at Christie Hospital, Manchester, have been granted legal aid to help them sue South Manchester health authority. The authority ran the hospital before it became a trust.

Up to 500 women were treated for cervical cancer in trials of Selectron equipment during the 1980s. The support group Radiotherapy Action Group Exposure (Rage) said yesterday that four patients died and others needed surgery to repair the resulting injuries to internal organs.

The trials ended five years ago but the campaigners claim the patients were not told they were taking part in eight years of clinical experiments using the new machine, or that they risked damage.

Although the Selectron is now commonly used at cancer treatment centres throughout Britain, at the beginning of the trials in Manchester doctors had still to discover the precise doses of radiation required. Patients are now warned in detail about possible side effects caused by the radioactive isotope caesium.

Ann Alexander, a specialist in medical legal cases, said yesterday the action would centre on the amount of information given to patients. She claimed the women were not told that alternative treatment was available which offered an equal success record, but without such serious side effects. Women were warned only that they might suffer from diarrhoea.

A verdict of misdadventure was recorded last week at the inquest on Kath Dillon, 39, who was given Selectron treatment. Leonard Gorodkin, the Manchester central coroner, said the internal problems which led to her death had been caused by treatment which was not part of the Selectron trials.

Picasso exhibition highlights sculpture

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

A PICASSO exhibition, with over 200 works worth £300 million, will bring an estimated 250,000 people to the Tate next year.

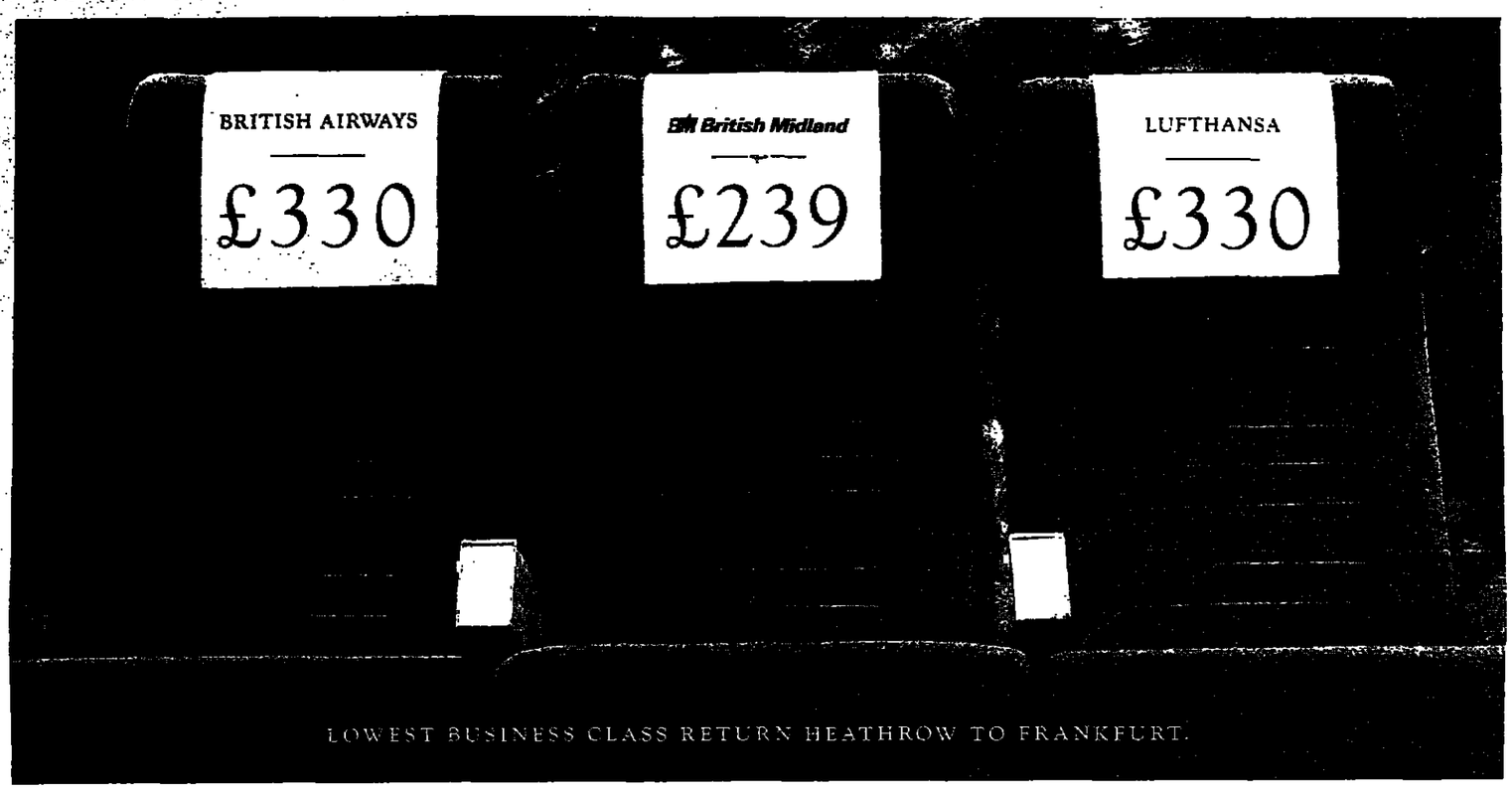
Picasso: Sculptor and Painter is a radical interpretation of the artist which places sculpture at the centre of his achievement. It runs for three months from February. The exhibition is expected to silence critics who last year bemoaned the Tate's failure to bring the Matisse exhibition to London.

The exhibition selector Dr John Golding said that several of the works, from private collectors, had never been viewed publicly. "What is particularly exciting is the marvellous juxtaposition of well-known masterpieces and works that are barely known or have never been seen."

The exhibition has involved many trips abroad to persuade museums to lend important works. About 15 per cent of the exhibits will come from the Musée Picasso in Paris; works have also been promised by the Musée National d'Art Moderne in Paris, New York's Museum of Modern Art and the Hermitage in St Petersburg.



Picasso: his sculpture is seen as central



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Racists hope for political breakthrough by exploiting despair of whites

Ultra rightwingers predict first win in council by-election

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE ultra-right British National Party is claiming that it is close to winning its first council seat.

The party, which broke away from the National Front in 1982, is contesting a Labour-held seat in the Millwall ward of the east London Tower Hamlets borough, where people will vote today.

The improved prospects of the party, which espouses racist and anti-semitic policies, has alarmed local Labour councillors who predicted last week that the BNP might win up to 34 per cent of the vote.

Yve Amor, a sitting Labour councillor in Millwall, described the BNP's rise as "extremely worrying", but said she did not believe Derek Beackon, its candidate, would win.

"The people have realised what they are," Ms Amor said. "It isn't just the emotive 'rights for whites' campaign they run. People have been able to see beyond that. They are a fascist organisation with fascist policies."

Last October, the BNP came a strong third in the Millwall by-election with 657 votes, behind the winning Labour candidate (1,275) and the Liberal Democrats (1,178). The Conservative Party polled 182 votes.

Richard Edmonds, the BNP's national activities organiser, said yesterday he was confident it would improve on its 20 per cent showing in the October by-election and would win the seat. "A lot of people are supporting us, there's no doubt about it," he said.

The council by-election comes amid an increase in racial violence in east London, which included a severe assault on Quaddus Ali, a 17-year-old Asian, by a gang of whites in nearby Stepney last week. His condition is stable, but he remains seriously ill.

BNP critics believe it is behind the upsurge in violence in the area — something Mr Edmonds and Mr Beackon, 47, a former bus driver, denied. Critics also claimed the party was using the violence to attract support for its election campaign and win media attention.

As in the last by-election, the BNP has again been accused of exploiting the fears and resentment of white people in the ward, an area of high unemployment which has seen an influx of Asian immigrants in the past decade.

Mr Beackon said he believed almost all of Millwall's problems — housing, education and health care — could be blamed on the influx of Bengali migrants. "Most people would agree it is immigrants that are causing all the problems, but are afraid about being labelled racist," he said. "I am happy to describe



Quaddus Ali: injured in a racist gang attack

myself as racist. It means I love my own people and I want to live among my own people."

He said he believed anyone who was not white, whether born in Britain or not, should be repatriated with what he called a "generous grant" to help them set up home elsewhere.

Mr Beackon described skinheads — among the party's main supporters — as "nice people" and said he was not sure if the Holocaust took place. He admired Hitler, though he described himself as a nationalist, not a Nazi or a fascist.

Mr Edmonds compared the party to Jean-Marie Le Pen's fascists in France in the early 1980s. "That's the parallel which inspires us," he said. "Twelve years ago, Le Pen had a nationwide organisation stretching throughout France. We have an organisation from one end of the United Kingdom to the other. His great breakthrough came when he started winning elections and look at him now."

Mr Edmonds, who runs the BNP's headquarters at Welling, Kent, said parties such as his needed a heartland and a community under threat. He believed Millwall fitted the bill.

Mr Beackon claimed the support for his brand of extremism was to be found in the council estates among the former dock workers of east London.

He refused to take part in a canvass of voters' opinions with *The Times* because he said people would not speak honestly in front of a journalist.

Mildred Gordon, the local Labour MP, has no doubt about those who support the BNP. She has called for people to fight "the Nazi poison that has been seeping into the East End and to make our streets and homes safe for every member of the community".

The list of candidates in the Millwall by-election includes Mr Beackon (BNP), Timothy Dickenson (Conservative), James Hunt (Labour) and Jennifer Mills (Liberal Democrats).

CHRIS HAINS



Derek Beackon, the BNP's candidate in Millwall, is confident of victory

'We are not prejudiced, but ...'

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE British National Party will need the votes of people like Sharon and Bill if it is to make a breakthrough in Millwall tonight.

They and their families have lived on the Isle of Dogs for generations, but despair at what they see as the takeover of their culture and lifestyle by the influx of Asian, mainly Bengali, immigrants. They agreed to talk only if their identities were disguised, fearing what they say is the threat of retaliation by Asian gangs in Millwall.

Bill and his wife, who have two children, do not regard themselves as racist. They simply do not like the intrusion of an entirely foreign culture. "I am not prejudiced," Bill said. "But, in the last five or six years, they have turned the Isle of Dogs upside down." His wife agrees: "It's disgusting round here. They are going round in gangs beating white people up."

They say the primary school is now 80 per cent Asian. They objected when their children were fed curry at lunchtime and when their son, aged five, came home counting to ten in Bengali.

"As soon as you even say anything, they say you are racist when all I want is English food," said Sharon. In three weeks, the family is moving to another part of the East End where Sharon said she has found a "beautiful" school that numbers only a handful of Asians among its pupils.

She finds much to support in the BNP propaganda, including the forced repatriation of all non-whites. But she says she will continue to vote Liberal Democrat.

"I think the BNP are a bit violent," she said. "They've got the right idea, but they go about it in the wrong way."

Old curiosity bop revives unlikely age of Aquarius

First night

HAIR



Benedict Nightingale

I shall always be grateful to *Hair*, and especially to the shock-horror episode when the cast undressed, for they permanently changed my way of looking at things. It happened like this. I got up at the interval, asked a chum when the nude scene was coming, and was told I had missed it. It had, if you'll forgive me, passed in a flash. Next day I joined the spectacle-wearing class, and have belonged to it ever since.

But are there better reasons for welcoming Michael Bogdanov's production at the Old Vic? When I reviewed the musical in 1968, I rabbited sententiously on about "a sung eucharist in praise of the secular gods". Yet a revival five years later left me describing the show as nasty, brutish and long, "a maudlin, mindless celebration of drivelling parasites and self-pitying morons". If there was any consistency in this, it was that a cult phenomenon had dwindled into yesterday's news. Well, which view is the fairer now? Neither quite. The first half has become a period piece: a curio, and, for all Bogdanov's attempts to brush and brash it up, as remote from 1993 as a 1930s Puritanian musical. As the hippies frolic around the stage in their patchwork jerkins and exotic headbands, welcoming the age of Aquarius, we might almost be watching some counter-cultural Ivor Novello. The second half begins similarly, only to end up rubbing our noses, far more than in the original, in the mud and blood of Vietnam.

The script is nominally by James Rado and Gerome Ragni, but mostly seems to have been improvised by abstracted beatniks. Insofar as there is a plot, it involves Claude (an affable, shambling John Barrowman), who cannot bring himself to burn his draftcard and pays an even heavier price than I remember him doing in 1968. Then, he ended up shorn like a lamb and ready for shipment to the jungles. That was bad enough, for whether it comes as fluffy Hendrix, lank Jagger, dainty Goldilocks or flowing Laughing Cavalier, hair matters hugely to these dropouts. But now Claude emerges from a long, prophetic acid-trip to be mown down by Vietcong and left splattered centre-stage.

Apart from that, little happens. There is talk of "white men sending black men to kill yellow men to defend the land they stole from red men". There is a be-in in Central Park at which cards are actually burnt, a sprawling smoke-in, a love-in on an enormous bed, and a desultory quarrel which ends with a mass hug-in, and an abortive anti-war-in. The cast also spends much time miming enemies whose number is legion and whose name is sometimes the American Legion: oppressive parents, military killers, et al. Galt Macdermot's music is abrasive, rhythmic, but perhaps because we are more used to abrasive, rhythmic rock, less irresistible than in 1968. Moreover, Bogdanov has encouraged his cast to opt more for energy than for charm, and himself does much with throbbing lights, a rising platform, a spinning revolve, and other such technology.

His production reaches a self-consciously sensational climax with grotesque skeletons roaming the stage, a gunship dangling machine-gunners from the flies, and what looks like the massacre of hippiedom. The show's admirers will doubtless feel he loses something: a vulnerability, a humanity, maybe an innocence. But that begs a question. Does *Hair* really have all that much to lose? With Bogdanov, without Bogdanov, it dates more than it enthrals.

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Challenger blames his aggressive play for run of defeats

By Raymond Keene and Daniel Johnson

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

NIGEL Short admits that his own over-aggression is to blame for Garry Kasparov's commanding lead after four games in *The Times* World Chess Championship.

"The problem is that I should have stayed in the trenches, but I have been going over the top too often," Short said yesterday in a candid interview.

Short, who lost for the third time to Kasparov on Tuesday night, said: "I put up my hands and say I played a bad game. There are no excuses. I had my chances."

Yet Short takes considerable heart from the style of *play to date*. "So far Kasparov has not won any games against me by attack. It has all been by counter-attack. Everyone expected Kasparov to try to blow me off the board. As it happens, he is parrying my threats, and moving in quietly.

"I *have over-reacted by* trying to annihilate him and being caught on the rebound. Perhaps there has been too much media pressure of the 'Go on Nige, go in and get him' type. It would have been more prudent to keep my head down but it is not in my *character to wimp out of* sharp positions."

Short, who has always been noted for his ability to avoid brooding after a defeat, issued a defiant message to his critics: "I didn't come all this way, three years of candidates' matches, in order to lie down and die," he said.

Kasparov dismissed as "premature" attempts to write off Short's chances and denied a report in one newspaper that he thinks Short is "not ready" for a world title match. Recalling his own first tilt at the world championship *nine years ago*, Kasparov said: "It's not unusual to lose several games at the start of a match against the world champion, and I lost five before I won my first game. Of course, I survived. Karpov became too overconfident. I don't intend to make that mistake."

Kasparov denied that he had any personal goal of winning by a record score: "This is not an exhibition match. For me it's a big event, whatever other people say. My goal is to retain my title and to play exciting chess."

Yet as today's fifth game at the Savoy Theatre in London looms, the chess world is inevitably asking whether Short can fight his way back into the match or if Kasparov can bring off a clean sweep. Precedents for both exist in the history of the world chess championship.

Steinitz, the first official world champion, began his title match against Zukertort in 1886 by losing 4-1, but fought back to win 10-5. During his 27-year reign, Lasker, the next world champion, won several matches by *huge margins: against Stein*itz 10-2 in 1896, against Marshall 8-0 in 1907, against Janowski 7-1 in 1909 and 8-0 in 1910, against Tarrasch 8-3 in 1908 and 5-0 in 1916. During the long Soviet hegemony, virtually the only player to administer such devastating defeats at the highest level was Bobby Fischer, who beat Taimanov 6-0, Larsen 6-0 and Petrosian 6½-2½ en route to his 1972 *title match* against Spassky. Comebacks have, however, occurred several times in title matches: notably Smyslov, *who was 4½-1½ down* after six games in his 1954 match against Botvinnik, but fought back to 12-12.

Short suffers as Kasparov takes the Poisoned Pawn

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

NIGEL Short has been listening to "too much bad advice", claims Garry Kasparov.

"A world championship match is totally different from anything Nigel has experienced before," the champion said yesterday. "Nigel should have been cautious at the beginning not super-aggressive," Kasparov said.

After four games Kasparov has a commanding lead, but this is not due to any lack of courage or chances on the part of Short. The main feature of the match has been the sparkling cast of Kasparov's thought processes. Usually, the champion has a long think in the late opening phase, mapping out a strategic design for the whole of the rest of the game. In contrast, Short's attacking efforts, which had been so deadly in the earlier phases of the qualifying cycle against Jon Speelman, Boris Gelfand, Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman, have been rendered disjointed.

Short is making a supreme *effort, but he is facing a chess* genius the like of which has not been seen before. What accentuates Kasparov's achievement is that he has moved smoothly into the lead on Short's home turf. The players talked exclusively to *The Times* about Tuesday's game.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bg5	e6
7	f4	Qb6

Kasparov accepts the challenge of entering the sharpest possible variation, the Poisoned Pawn system of the Sicilian Defence.

8	Qd2	

White gambits a pawn for the initiative.

8	...	Qxb2
9	Nb3	

A favourite of Boris Spassky. More common is the more immediately aggressive 9 Rb1.

9	...	Qa3
10	Bd6	gxf6
11	Be2	Nc6
12	0-0	Bd7
13	Kh1	h5
14	Nd1	

Kasparov: "This was kind of a surprise. I only know of one game where this has been played before, Platonov-Bukhover in the USSR 1963, where Black responded with 14 ... Qb4. Short's idea is to maneouvre his knight round and try to trap my queen. 14 Nb1 was played in the 11th game of the Spassky-Fischer *match in 1972.*"

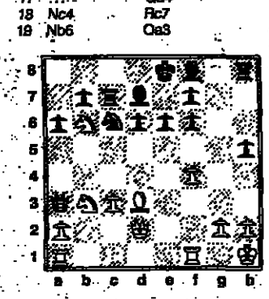
14	...	Rc8
15	Ne3	Qb4
16	c3	

Kasparov: "Short sacrifices a second pawn, but this was not a surprise. In 1972 Ljubomir Kavalek was Bobby Fischer's assistant in his match against Spassky. Now he is working with Nigel Short. Perhaps this was all a *secret weapon created 21 years* ago."

16	...	Qxe4
17	Bd3	

Kasparov: "I would have played 17 Nc4 here. It is too close to the opening for me to give precise details, but I still think Black would have good defensive resources even after this move."

17	...	Qa4
18	Nc4	Rc7
19	Nb6	Qa3



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Key moment: Short can force a draw with 20 Nc4.

20	Rae1	

Kasparov: "It would be more logical to force a draw with 20. Nc4 Qa4 21 Nb6 Qa3 22 Nc4 with a perpetual attack against my queen. Short is taking a great deal of risk by playing for the win. He has no direct threats to justify his two pawns disadvantage."

Short: "I could have forced a draw here but it is not in my character to wimp out in a sharp position."

20	...	Ne7
21	Nc4	

Kasparov: "Short's main problem was hesitation. He spent half an hour on 21 Nc4, when he had no other option. I sensed his hesitation, so I decided not to defend but to move over to the counter-attack."

21	...	Rxc4
22	Bxc4	

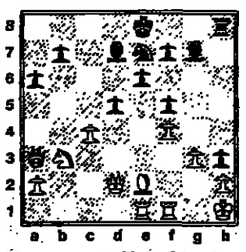
Kasparov: "The position is about equal but it easier for Black to play. Psychologically, having been on the attack, Short has to adjust his mind to different categories of assessment. Now he must defend."

22	...	h4
23	Bd3?	

Kasparov: "This wastes a move. Short should have played 23 Be2! when I would play 23 ... Bg7."

Short: "This is a waste of time. I wanted to stop the Black manoeuvre of ... Nf5, with a possible knight sacrifice on g3. But this is illusory. After 23 Be2 followed by Bf3 the position is about equal."

23	...	f5
24	Be2	Bg7
25	c4	h3
26	g3	d5



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Key moment: Short blunders a pawn.

27	Bf3?	

Kasparov: "This is a blunder losing a key pawn. Short had to play 27 cxd5 Nxd5 28 Bf3 though after 28 ... 0-0, oh yes I have the advantage." Short: "It was silly not to play 27 cxd5. After 27 ... Nxd5 28 Bf3 0-0 29 Bxd5 exd5 Kasparov's position is fine, but White is still playing."

27	...	dxc4

Kasparov: "Short had intended 28 Rd1 Nd5 29 Bxd5 exd5 30 Qxd5 Bc6 31 Rfe1+ Kf8 32 Qxc6 bxc6 33 Rd8 checkmate. However Black refutes this with 31 ... Qe7, leaving me with a decisive material advantage. If instead after 28 Rd1 Nd5 29 Bxd5 exd5 White plays 30 Rde1+ then 30 ... Kf8 31 Nd4 Rh6 when Black has a material advantage and the White king is still exposed."

28	Re3	c3
29	Rxc3	Bxc3
30	Qxc3	0-0
31	Rg1	Rc8
32	Qf6	

Short: "It looks as if I have *some chances, but he can* defend easily enough and what follows is essentially a mopping up operation."

32	...	Bc6
33	Bxc6	Rxc6
34	g4	Ng6
35	gxf5	exf5
36	Qxf5	Qxa2
37	Qxh3	Qc2
38	f5	Rc3

Kasparov: "It would have been easier to play 38 ... Qe4+ 39 Qg2 Qxg2+ 40 Rxg2 Rc3 41 Na5 Rc1+ 42 Rg1 Rxg1+ 43 Kxg1 b6 44 fxg6 bxa5 when Black promotes his a-pawn to a queen."

39	Qg4	

Kasparov: "The last chance was 39 Nd4 Qe4+ 40 Qg2 Qxg2+ 41 Kxg2 Ne5. I am still winning but Short has some fighting chances left."

39	...	Rxb3
40	fxg6	Qc6+

White resigns

After 41 Rg2 Rb1+ is deadly or 41 Qg2 Qxg2+ 42 Rxg2 Rb1+ 43 Rg1 Rxg1+ 44 Kxg1 fxg6 with a simple win.

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Nigel Short slumps to a three-game deficit in the world championship

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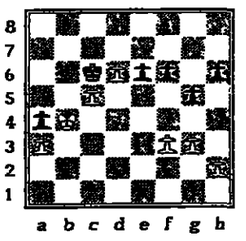
By Raymond Keene

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3	Nf3	Bg7
4	g3	d5
5	Bg2	0-0
6	0-0	dxc4
7	Qc2	Qd5
8	Nbd2	Qh5
9	Qxc4	c6
10	Nb3	Nbd7
11	Bd2	Nb6
12	Qc1	Bh3
13	Nc5	Rab8
14	Bf4	Rfc8
15	Nxb7	Bxg2
16	Kxg2	Nfd7
17	b4	Qb5
18	a3	Nd5
19	Nc5	Nxc5
20	bxc5	Qxe2
21	Re1	Qd3
22	Bh6	Rfd8
23	Bxg7	Kxg7
24	Qb1	Qa6
25	Qe4	Rb8
26	Ng5	h6
27	Nf3	Rb2
28	Ne5	Rdb8
29	Rab1	Rxb1
30	Rxb1	Rxb1
31	Qxb1	Qe2
32	Qd3	Qxd3
33	Nxd3	Kf6
34	Ne5	a5
35	Nxc6	a4
36	Kf3	Nc3
37	Nb4	Ke6
38	Ke3	Nb5
39	d5+	Kd7
40	Nc2	e6
41	d6	Na7
42	Kd3	Nc6
43	Kc4	Ne5+
44	Kb5	Nd3
45	f3	g5
46	Ne3	Ne5
47	Nc4	Nxc4
48	fxc4	Kc6
49	Kb4	Black resigns



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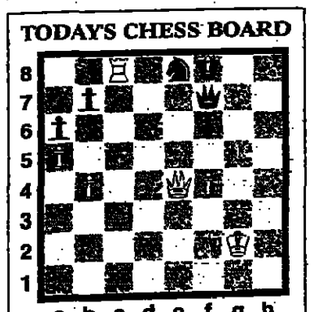
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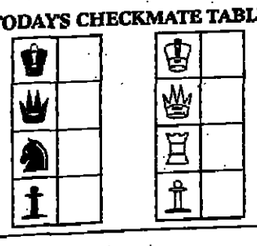
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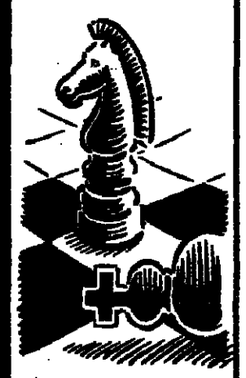
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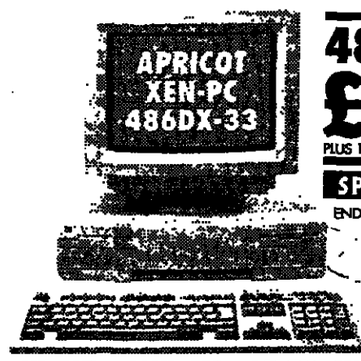


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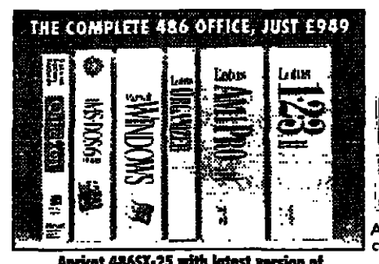
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BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major will appeal to the leaders of two of Northern Ireland's political parties to break the impasse in the talks process by returning to the negotiating table.

In private meetings at Downing Street over the next two days, the prime minister will warn John Hume, the SDLP leader, and Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist party, of the threat of further waves of violence unless a fresh initiative is launched this autumn.

Mr Major's intervention follows the failure of Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, to persuade the unionist MPs to resume the talks process that was suspended last November.

As pressure for a fresh initiative increases, Mr Major is expected to draw on the Middle East peace accord by urging Mr Hume and Mr Paisley to put aside entrenched positions in search of a political breakthrough.

Mr Hume is expected to report to Mr Major on his talks with Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein MP, and other nationalist figures about the prospects of the Provisional IRA renouncing violence. But the SDLP MP will also seek reassurances from the prime minister that no promises were made to Ulster Unionist MPs in July in exchange for their support in the crucial Maastricht and government confidence votes.

Tomorrow, Mr Paisley will discuss his document *Breaking the Logjam* with Mr Major. The unpublished document fleshes out the Democratic Unionists' ideas for devolving power from Westminster to the province, with measures to improve links between the province and the mainland.

Mr Paisley wants the Dublin government to relinquish its territorial claim to the province, in articles two and three of the Irish constitution, as a pre-condition to his party resuming talks.

There were fresh hints from Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, that the republic is ready to give up its territorial claim to Northern Ireland as part of an overall agreement and subject to a referendum. Mr Reynolds also made clear that the offer by President Clinton of a peace envoy to mediate in the troubles was still a possibility if talks were not restarted.

On a promotional visit to New York, the Irish prime minister described the US administration as "a friend to all sides" with the potential to assist a new political dialogue. British ministers, however, object strongly to the idea.



Paisley: wants power devolved to province



SIMON WALKER

Michael Howard, the home secretary, left, welcomes to the Home Office yesterday the first lay people to be appointed inspectors of the constabulary. Peter Hobbs, former group personnel director of the pharmaceutical group Wellcome, centre, and Dr Anthony Williams, a senior management consultant

No 10 runs risk of battle fatigue

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major is going to have to fight a permanent campaign until next year's local and European elections. That, in the view of one of his cabinet supporters, is the real predicament the prime minister now faces.

The process is partly circular. Tory MPs and the Westminster media are treating the local council elections next May and the Euro-elections in June virtually as a national referendum which Mr Major has to win, regardless of the fact that parties in power nearly always do badly in mid-term contests.

Consequently, Mr Major is having to campaign to rebuild his personal position. This imposes a short-term perspective just at a time when, still only 17 months after the last election, he should be concentrating on building up the government's record in office.

Everything tends to be judged in that light. That accounts for his series of tours to meet constituency leaders: the third was yesterday with more to come. The Tory faithful certainly need to be revived. The story of the Conservative conference could be not splits on policy, apart perhaps from rail privatisation, but the fractious mood of Tory activists faced by election defeats and falling membership and donations. Mr Major is good at handling such small group meetings — and most local Tories want him to succeed and survive. But, as the *Conference Countdown* series in the *The Times* has shown, more than the occasional pep talk or speech will be needed.

About the only certainty is that there will not be a replay of the events of November 1990. Then, Michael Heseltine was ready, willing and eager on the back benches. There is no comparable figure now. Kenneth Baker should never be written-off, as his promotion of his memoirs has shown. But no one is sure where he stands. Norman Lamont is a political heavyweight with every intention of returning to high office. He remains an important player on the political stage. Yet, for the moment, his public reputation is still affected by his period as Chancellor.

Talk of a stalking-horse candidate is misleading, both linguistically and politically. A stalking-horse implies someone being used as a substitute to mask another's real intentions. That was never true even in 1989-90 when Sir Anthony Meyer's candidacy highlighted Margaret Thatcher's potential vulnerability. It required Mr Heseltine's direct intervention 11 months later to oust her.

Similarly, anyone standing against Mr Major this November cannot be a stalking-horse for a potential successor. The most a challenger could achieve would be to highlight the extent of unhappiness with Mr Major among Tory MPs. Any candidate has formally to be backed by 34 MPs and, despite rumours, there is no real sign yet even of a semi-serious runner.

Mr Major is more vulnerable to a loss of confidence among his cabinet colleagues and Tory backbenchers. So far, his cabinet has remained loyal, as was shown in July's showdown over the Maastricht bill. But Tory backbenchers are a nervous lot and an event, a troublesome party conference, a bad by-election defeat or a self-inflicted crisis like the pit closures, could trigger a new loss of confidence. He is in a stronger position than some enemies believe, or hope. Above all, he is determined to see off his critics. But he will not be able to secure his position until at least next summer.

PETER RIDDELL

Euro-candidates walk a cautious line for Tories

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PHILIP Trevealen's selection as a Conservative candidate for next year's Euro-elections could not have been in more inauspicious circumstances.

Today is the first anniversary of his final interview on September 16, 1992 — Black Wednesday. The place was Norman Lamont's constituency office in Kingston upon Thames. Predictably, he was questioned about his views on the exchange-rate mechanism and economic and monetary union before being picked to fight London South West, where Labour has a majority of 518.

"When I went in for the final selection we were in the ERM," he recalled. "When I came out, there was Norman Lamont on television saying we were out."

As next June's Euro-elections will be interpreted as the voters' judgment on John Major, the prime minister needs all of his budding MEPs to adopt Mr Trevealen's pragmatic attitude to the Commission. Hardened Tory sceptics, however, are threatening to stand against their party's official candidates if they sound too enthusiastic.

Like most of the 32 Conservative MEPs in the present parliament, those standing in Tory-held or marginal seats will tend to be professional Europeans who have links with EC institutions. But, as yet, they are markedly more sceptical about closer union. Cynics will predict they will swiftly "go native" when surrounded by hordes of arch-federalists in Strasbourg.

Once elected, they will join the very non-Tory sounding European People's Party of Christian Democrats in a European Parliament that supports a federal Europe, a single currency and an autonomous central bank. The Tory leadership defends the link, pointing out that its MEPs are only "allied members".

Mr Trevealen, professor of computing at University College London and a former adviser to the EC on industrial policy, is fairly typical of the new breed. "We need to go back to the European *Economic Community*," he said. "I am pro-European but strongly anti-federalist. I believe my line is supported by most of the population."

Although he believed that, politically, the prime minister had to press ahead with ratification of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Trevealan disliked it. "It is past its sell-by date. Everybody agreed it was a pretty poxy treaty."

Brendan Donnelly, the Tory candidate in West Sussex, carefully avoids using the word "federalism". His EC credentials are impeccable: he is political adviser to Sir Christopher Prout, leader of the Tory MEPs, and previously worked for the MEP Lord Plumb and Lord Cockfield when he was Britain's EC commissioner, as well as in

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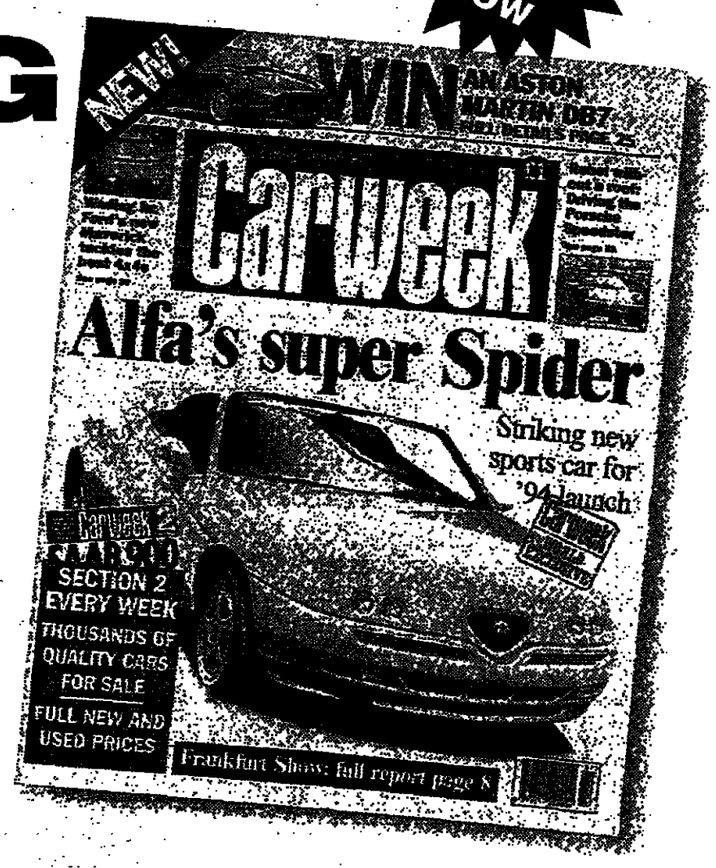


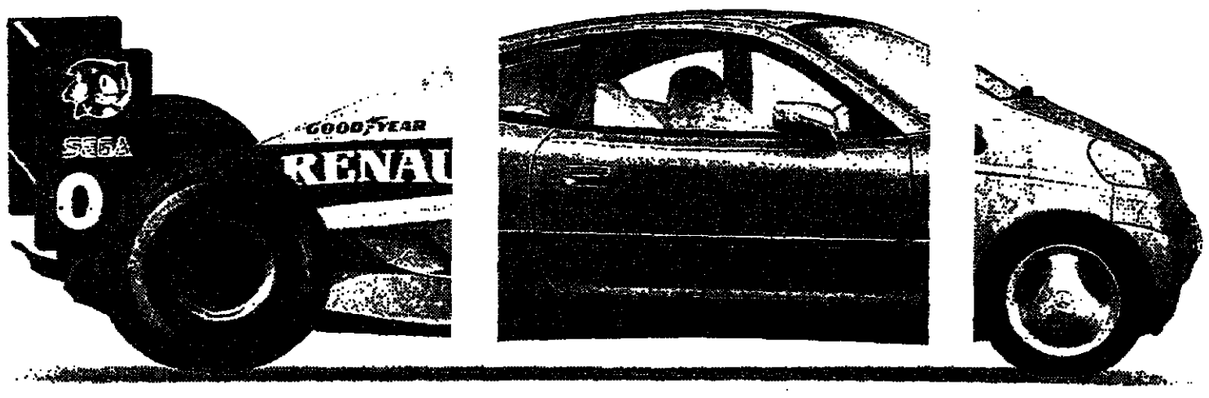
the Foreign Office. Instead of pursuing the more enthusiastic line of some of his former bosses, he favours a free-trading, de-centralised Europe. Although he backs legislation to pave the way for EC institutions to introduce common standards, he fears giving the Commission discretionary powers.

John Corrie, standing in Hereford and Worcester, is banking on enlargement of the Community to snuff out the federalists' ambitions. He said that the EC was likely to turn into a more loosely knit band of countries in a large trading bloc, rather than a political federal Europe. Mr Corrie, an MP and a nominated member of the European Parliament in 1975-9, said Maastricht was a high-water mark: the tide had now turned.

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Canberra seeks Clinton's support

Keating pins hopes on Asian trade pact

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN SYDNEY

PAUL Keating, the Australian prime minister, faces a daunting task in Washington this week, when he will try to persuade President Clinton that he is serious about anchoring Australia in Asia with the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) as the centrepiece of his trade policy.

To that end he wants to convince Mr Clinton that the group of 15 countries is fit for a dramatic upgrading and treatment as a bigger version of the Group of Seven industrial nations. Mr Keating's commitment to Apec as the dominant economic club of the future is a cornerstone of his leadership and he intends to steer his country towards full economic, social and cultural integration with Asia.

Apec badly needs to improve its image first, however. Founded in 1989 to promote free trade among its member nations, Apec has been plodding along since its first Canberra meeting as a less than fiery consultative gathering that discusses issues such as the harmonisation of standards and energy technology. Even many Apec members are sceptical about its potential for achievement given the diversity of a group that includes China, Taiwan, Japan, the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, South Korea, New Zealand, and Asean members Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei.

Undaunted, the Australian prime minister sees Apec as the best chance for his country to develop its economy within a framework that embraces the fastest-expanding economic region in the world. He believes he has already won backing for his proposal from Japan. A commitment from Mr Clinton to throw Washington's weight behind a more dynamic Apec would boost Mr Keating's flagging popularity at home.

Only twenty years ago Australia slumbered as an outpost of the empire under a racist "white Australia" immigration policy. From 2003 Australian officers in the military will have to speak at least one Asian language fluently to be eligible for promotion beyond the rank of major. Japanese is now the most commonly studied second language at tertiary level in Australia.

Asia now accounts for 60 per cent of Australian external trade. Australian engineers are building the bridge across the Mekong river between Thailand and Laos and Australian beef fills Japanese "Big Macs".

"Australia's destiny lies in Asia" is a much touted slogan these days, and its pragmatic popular appeal has persuaded Mr Keating to link the Asian issue to creating a republic by 2000. He believes that the fast-growing economies in Asia will not take Australia seriously until it becomes "independent" from Britain.



A Japanese girl, on her father's shoulders, cheering a procession of *omikoshi*, portable Shinto shrines, during a festival in Tokyo's Shibuya district yesterday

Running dogs aid success of Peking women athletes

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

MA JUNREN, coach of the astounding Chinese women athletes who have recently been breaking world records, is a keen animal watcher.

"I started research on running in 1970," Mr Ma told *China Daily* in Peking earlier this week. "It's from deer and ostriches that I found the key to success in distance running." He also takes the 18 women distance runners he trains, known as "Ma's army" in China, to watch running horses, donkeys and dogs.

Together with the endless marathons the women run and the caterpillar fungi elixir they drink, the regime appears to work. And the Chinese women have not suddenly burst on to the running scene. They began winning Liaoning provincial records in the early 1980s. Four of them won gold medals at the last World Junior Championships in Seoul, another won a bronze at the Barcelona Olympics, and three of them won golds in the 1,500, 3,000 and 10,000 metres at Stuttgart, where Mr Ma claims they would have set world records had they not been subjected to bumping.

Mr Ma's methods include discovering the girls very young. They are sequestered when they are five or six and subjected to long, rigorous and admittedly painful training. The Liaoning girls are willing to run hard at high altitudes in Qinghai province, in the northwest, which was once a part of Tibet and is also the site of China's gulag.

What they do there amazes other trainers. "All my runners are from rural families," says Mr Ma. "Otherwise, how could they bear to run a marathon a day at 2,236 metres (7,335ft)? Who else in the world does this?"

He says his athletes "peak three times" after high-altitude training: after three days, again after two weeks, and then between 21 and 24 days.

Berlin: Opponents of Berlin's bid for the 2000 Olympic Games set off four explosions before dawn yesterday in front of buildings belonging to the bid's sponsors, police said. *(Reuter)*

China told to respect rule of law

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, sent a message to Peking yesterday effectively telling the government not to mess up the colony in 1997 because China needs it too badly.

His warning may have been a curtain-raiser for October 6, when the governor will address Hong Kong's 60-member Legislative Council, which Peking derides as a colonial relic. Mr Patten may have to explain why the negotiations with China over 1995 elections for the council in Peking have failed.

Mr Patten yesterday began his speech to an international meeting on pensions by calling China's market-driven economic reforms "one of the most important revolutions of this century". He described how Hong Kong's achievements in international trade, production, fiscal responsibility, health and education made great contributions to China's prosperity. The Hong Kong miracle, Mr Patten said, rested primarily on an independent judiciary, a fairly elected legislature and a "watchful and fearless media".

Pakistani debtors face ballot ban

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

GHULAM Mustafa Jatoi, the former Pakistani prime minister, his sons — Murtaza, a former federal minister, and Masroor, a former provincial minister — and about 30 other former ministers and legislators have been barred from participating in the October 6 parliamentary election for defaulting on repayment of bank loans.

A law passed by Moeen Qureshi, the interim prime minister, bans any person with long-unpaid debts from standing in the elections. The law is part of the political and economic reforms aimed at stemming economic crisis and eliminating corruption.



Jatoi: failed to pay back bank loans

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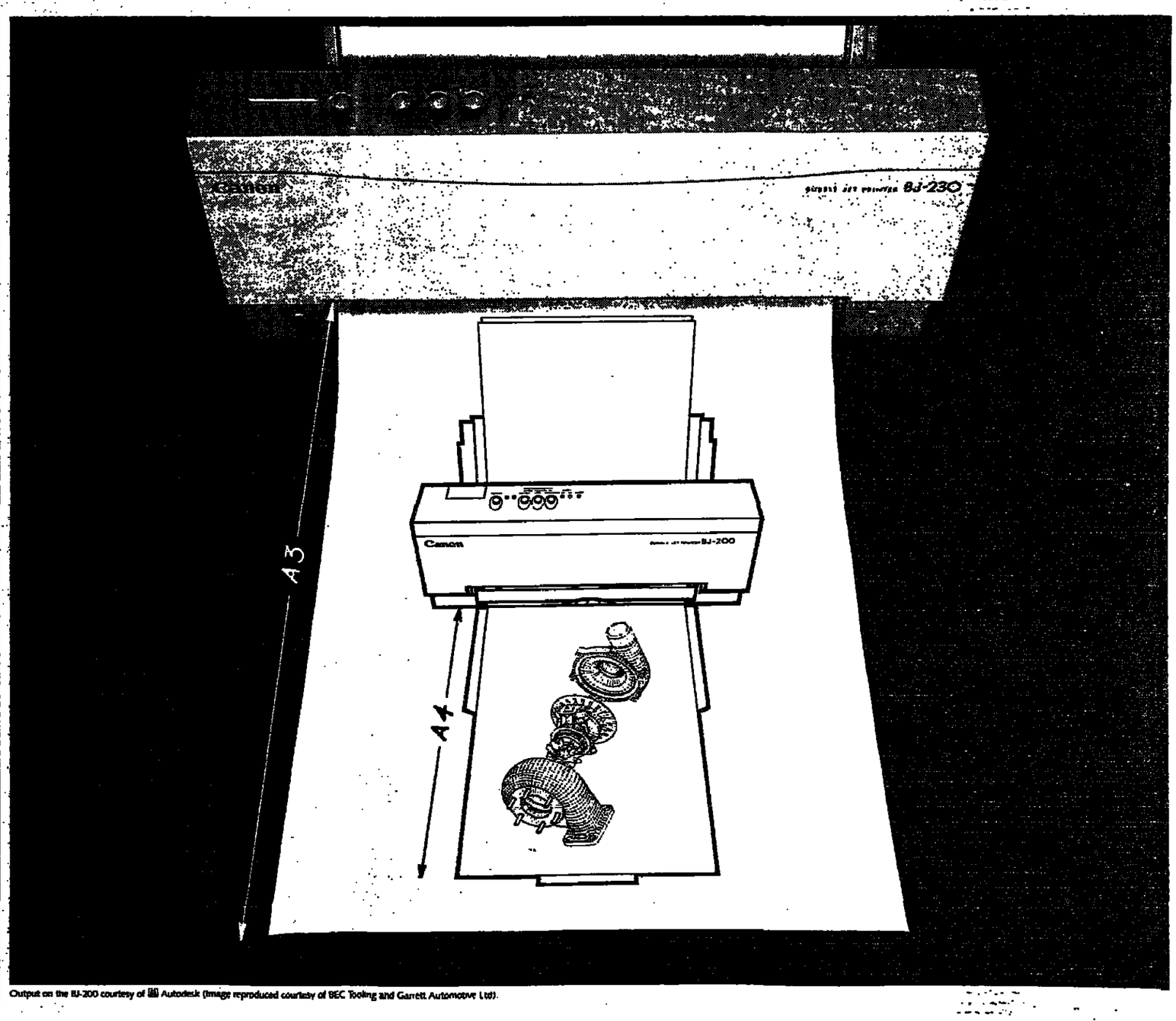
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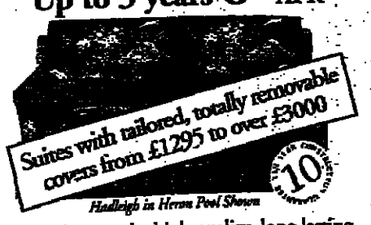
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Clinton poll rating boosted by foreign policy triumphs

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The president appears to have found his feet, but not before time. He will need to exert all the authority he can muster to see through his domestic programme

PRESIDENT Clinton, enjoying the best week of his presidency, was further heartened yesterday by a poll showing that he has now regained the approval of one in two Americans.

The Wall Street Journal survey gave him 50 per cent support, his highest rating since April, and he has had two public relations coups since it was conducted. On Monday, Mr Clinton hosted the Israeli-Palestinian peace ceremony and confidently nudged Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, towards their first handshake. On Tuesday, he lured three former presidents, two of them Republicans, on to a White House stage with him to launch his campaign for the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta).

There was another positive development yesterday. A group of senior Republican senators released their alternative to Mr Clinton's health care reforms. It rejected statutory government controls to keep down costs but in other important respects the two plans overlapped, indicating there may be ground for a bipartisan compromise.

White House aides are convinced that the Clinton presidency has finally found its feet. Since David Gergen arrived in June to take charge of presentation there have been no more of the gaffes that made Mr Clinton the most derided new president of modern times. Aides say he has regained his self-confidence. He is for the first time controlling the political agenda.

The Israeli-PLO accord was a huge bonus, but it also revives America's pivotal role in Middle East peacemaking at the very moment that Mr Clinton wanted to focus on his ambitious domestic agenda. The accord offers an unprecedented opportunity to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace. Mr Clinton must not be seen as the president who blew it.

His renaissance has come just in time. Mr Clinton faces an uphill battle to win congressional approval of Nafta. Richard Gephardt, the House of Representatives' Democrat leader, is expected to join the opposition ranks.

The Republican health care plan, like Mr Clinton's, calls for universal coverage and embraces the idea of regional health care "alliances" — co-operatives that would band together to purchase the best insurance at the lowest rate. For health care, as for Nafta and plans to reform the bloated federal bureaucracy, Mr Clinton will need bipartisan support, which was why Tuesday's appearance of the three former presidents at the White House was so significant.



Gergen: no gaffes since he went to White House

Marilyn's dress causes a new flutter

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THIEVES in New York have stolen the dress that fluttered up over Marilyn Monroe's thighs when she stood over a pavement air-vent in the film *The Seven Year Itch*.

The white halter-necked gown was among the booty that burglars removed from a storage room in Manhattan belonging to Anna Strasberg, widow of the renowned acting coach Lee Strasberg who helped teach Monroe. Also taken was the skin-tight sequinned dress Monroe wore when she sang a breathless "Happy Birthday" to President Kennedy at Madison Square Garden in 1962.

When she killed herself in 1962, Monroe left all her belongings to Mr Strasberg, and Mrs Strasberg is now the administrator of the estate. The theft was discovered when one of Mrs Strasberg's employees went to the 16ft by 14ft storage room in lower Manhattan to check on the collection of Monroe's personal effects. The employee found the contents of the room in a shambles.

Private investigators were trying yesterday to establish what had been stolen, using a photographic inventory. Their initial estimate put the losses at £6.5 million.



Marilyn Monroe in the now stolen white dress from *The Seven Year Itch*. Memorabilia taken from the Manhattan storeroom were valued at £6.5 million

US elite raiders bungle again

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

ELITE American Rangers have again caused their country deep embarrassment, and cost the United Nations tens of thousands of dollars in compensation, when they bungled another attempt to capture General Muhammad Farrah Aidid.

Last month the Rangers abseiled from helicopters into a UN development programme building and arrested three UN employees, believing General Aidid was holed up in the building.

This time they raided the one place in Mogadishu where General Aidid would never hide — the home of the police chief in the heartland of his arch-enemy in the north of the divided capital.

Worse still, they mistook the policeman, General Ahmed Jilow, for General Aidid, having blown down his front door and swung in through the windows on thick ropes suspended from helicopters.

An eye-witness description of what followed sounds like a violent episode of the Keystone Cops.

"Are you General Aidid," yelled a Ranger, in goggles and black flak jacket. "No," said General Jilow, who was then struck with a rifle butt. "Yes," he then said and was arrested along with 30 of his neighbours. Five hours later the policeman and his friends, mostly senior officials of General Aidid's enemies in the Abgal clan, were released.

Major David Stockwell, the American spokesman for the UN armed forces in Somalia, refused to comment on the operation which he said was "classified". But a senior UN source said that the mission was a mistake. "Not catching Aidid has become routine," he said.

The classification of the operation as secret appeared to be a move to cover up the embarrassment rather than for security. But the Americans have offered to compensate for the damage caused.

Yesterday two Italian soldiers were reported killed in an attack on the UN port in Mogadishu. Elsewhere 11 people were injured, including six civilians, when four mortar rounds landed inside the UN's headquarters.

Pakistani troops attempting to take a checkpoint over from departing Italian troops were forced back by gunmen. The position, Checkpoint Pasta, close to where seven Nigerians were killed earlier this month attempting the same handover, was abandoned yesterday.



Aidid: not catching him has become routine

Boy takes Jackson to court

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE boy who accuses Michael Jackson of sexually molesting him has brought a civil lawsuit which is expected to seek millions of dollars in damages and go to a jury trial.

The suit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by a lawyer for the alleged victim, 13, asks for unspecified damages on each of seven counts against the pop singer. The star, who has denied the allegations, could face a bill for several million dollars, should the case go against him. Larry Feldman, the boy's lawyer, asked the court for trial by jury and said he expects the case to last a month. A Jackson spokesman dismissed the lawsuit as legal extortion.

In Moscow, preparations went ahead for a Jackson concert last night. Driving rain and thousands of unsold tickets shadowed the performance to promote his album *Dangerous* and there was no immediate word on his personal reaction to the lawsuit.

Jackson, also the subject of a criminal investigation, was accused in the lawsuit of sexual battery, battery, seduction, wilful misconduct and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Anthony Pellicano, Jackson's security consultant, said: "This lawsuit is expected. This is now a legal way to try and get the money they failed in getting the illegal way."

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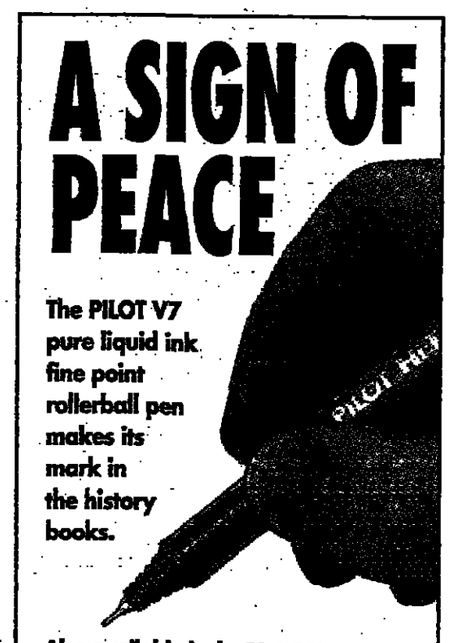
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Rabin warns Syria on aiding gunmen as militants plan sabotage of deal

America shores up peace with hi-tech weapons for Israel

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

■ **President Clinton is determined to make Israelis feel secure. By doing so, he risks intensifying hostility to the accord among those Arab nations wanting it to collapse**

THE Clinton administration, moving swiftly to bolster Monday's fragile Israeli-PLO peace accord, is considering the sale of sophisticated new weaponry to Israel to underscore its undiminished commitment to the security of its old ally.

In Jerusalem Mr Rabin, back from signing the pact in Washington with Yassir Arafat, sent a tough signal to Syria last night that Israel will not undertake new concessions in deadlocked peace negotiations.

President Clinton telephoned a succession of world leaders, including John Major, the prime minister, yesterday to urge them to give the accord all the political and financial support at their disposal. Mr Clinton said Washington may convene an international conference of European, Asian and Arab states who might contribute to the reconstruction of the occupied territories and the costs of establishing Palestinian self-rule.

State Department and National Security Council officials were meeting yesterday to try to decide the scope and timing of such a conference. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, has sent cables to American ambassadors instructing them to lobby their host governments.

White House officials confirmed that a new sale of US fighter jets to Israel is under discussion, but the *Los Angeles Times* reported that Mr Clinton privately promised Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, on Monday that America would also share some advanced military technology that it had previously withheld from Israel. Officials refused to discuss what this might entail, though it could well be in the field of missile defences.

"We may wind up doing more in terms of shared technology," Mr Clinton told an Israeli television interviewer on Monday night. "We want to do some more joint strategic thinking just to recognise the fact that military technology itself has changed the dimensions of what Israel has to do to protect its security." Mr Clinton has gone out of his way since Monday to reassure the Israeli people of America's continuing commitment to their country. He believes that they will only support the PLO accord — and a future peace treaty with Syria involving the return of the Golan Heights — if they feel totally safe.

"I have no intention of doing anything on my own which would in any way raise the question in the mind of any citizen of Israel that the US is weakening its support for the security of Israel," he said. "The only way we can make this work is if every day more and more and more Israelis believe they will be more secure if there is a just peace."

In another interview on Arabic television, Mr Clinton appeared to be preparing Arab public opinion for possible new arms sales to Israel. "All the progress yet to be made depends upon the conviction of the people of Israel that they are secure," he said.



A boy watches an Orthodox Jew pray at Jerusalem's Wailing Wall yesterday on the eve of the Jewish new year

"I don't think anyone in the Arab world should want me to do anything that makes the Israelis feel less secure."

Mr Rabin, in his sharpest remarks since the "Gaza-Jericho first" breakthrough with the Palestinians, blasted Syria for preventing Lebanon from disarming pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas and for assisting rejectionist groups seeking to torpedo the Israeli-PLO agreement. "Syria provides cover and aid to ten opposition groups. There are (located) the commands of those who also are continuing attacks, also opposed to the (peace) process, also completely opposed to the negotiations," he told Israel radio.

"It is as if they extend one hand to you in peace while opening fire at you with the other," Mr Rabin said during remarks broadcast after his return from a surprise stopover in Morocco. At Ben-Gurion airport, near Tel Aviv, the prime minister and Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, were greeted by a band playing peace songs, but hardline Likud party legislators boycotted the arrival ceremony to protest against their Monday handshakes with Mr Arafat, whom Likud still considers the head of a terrorist organisation. Mr Rabin said he hoped the agreement with the PLO, which was accompanied by mutual recognition, would lead to the forging of relations with Arab states that have traditionally shunned Israel. "We are on the eve of the (Jewish) new year. I think there is a great chance that the coming year will be a year of turning in the direction of peace," Mr Rabin told reporters.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Air crash inquest launched

Warsaw: Polish and German experts are investigating the cause of the Lufthansa Airbus A320 crash at Warsaw airport on Tuesday in which two people, including the co-pilot, were killed (Adam LeBor writes). Fifty-five passengers are in hospital, but none is seriously hurt.

Turks killed

Istanbul: Turkish security forces have reported the loss of 21 men in three separate clashes in the intensifying conflict with Kurdish separatists but destroyed a base sheltering about 600 guerrillas.

City jammed

Johannesburg: Hundreds of black and Coloured minibus drivers brought the centre of Cape Town to a halt, blockading crossroads and causing traffic jams in a protest against rising petrol prices.

Refugees saved

Bonn: Ten asylum seekers were rescued by the fire brigade and a night watchman was injured when a blaze of unknown orgin swept through a refugee centre in Hanover. *(Reuter)*

Fugitive relents

New York: After 23 years on the run, Katherine Ann Power, a radical of the Vietnam war era wanted for the murder of a Boston policeman during a bank robbery, has given herself up.

Palestinian hardliners look to Iraq and Libya for help

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

HARDLINE Palestinian leaders opposed to the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation were attending private meetings yesterday with leaders of Libya and Iraq, both hostile to the accord.

There was widespread diplomatic speculation that two of the hardliners, Georges Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who went to Tripoli and met Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, may have been privately seeking Libyan funds and weaponry to back a campaign to sabotage the deal after being snubbed by Syria, their home base. Damascus has refused to come out against the accord.

Yassir Arafat returned yesterday to a hero's welcome in Tunis, where he was greeted with a full turnout of the diplomatic corps including, for the first time, Thomas McCarthy, the American ambassador. Palestinian schoolgirls chanted slogans of loyalty to the self-styled "president of Palestine".

Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department and the most senior PLO opponent of the accord, held talks on Tuesday in Baghdad with Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, and Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, the foreign minister. No details of his talks were available, but as the Iraqi regime has repeatedly condemned the peace deal, it was assumed that he was trying to muster patronage for those inside the PLO who are against it.

The visits were signs of the continuing deep splits inside the Palestinian movement and the task facing Mr Arafat to maintain support.

Colonel Gaddafi has already dismissed the new limited autonomy plan as a "farce". After a previous visit to Tripoli a few days ago, Mr Hawatmeh said he was looking at ways of getting Palestinian organisations to elect a new parliament, which it its turn would select a new executive committee. Five out of 18 members of the present committee resigned over the deal.



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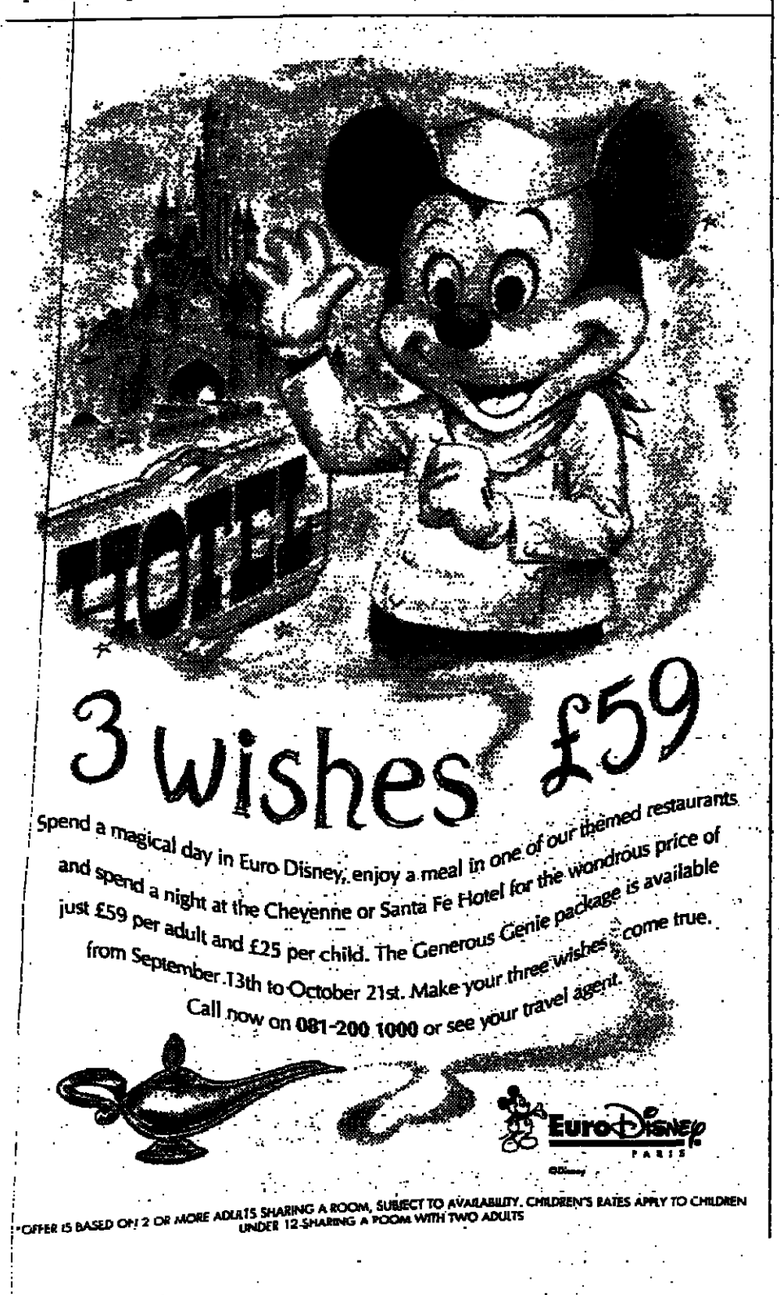
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Farm protesters play highway hide-and-seek with police

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ Farmers may have halted traffic, but most drivers shared their hatred of the Blair House deal. The agriculture minister says an EC trade crisis is near

MILITANT French farmers disrupted traffic on highways yesterday but failed in an attempt to "blockade" road and railway links to Paris. Their action increased pressure on Edouard Balladur to defend their interests even if it means blocking a new Gatt agreement on world trade.

From the early hours, 60 groups of farmers conducted what they called a "Robin Hood" operation, briefly halting traffic on roads round the capital and dispersing when police arrived. They adopted a hit-and-run strategy, carried out from vans and cars rather than the traditional tractors and muck-spreaders, to avoid the setpiece confrontation with riot police that led to the failure of their blockade attempt last year.

The interior ministry, which deployed mobile riot police to keep up with the farmers, pronounced their operation a failure by lunchtime, although Philippe Arnaud, deputy leader of the Rural Co-ordination, said his men would continue to "harass" drivers for the next three days. The government, which says it supports the farmers' demands, ordered hundreds of police to seal off M Balladur's offices and key ministries on the Left Bank.

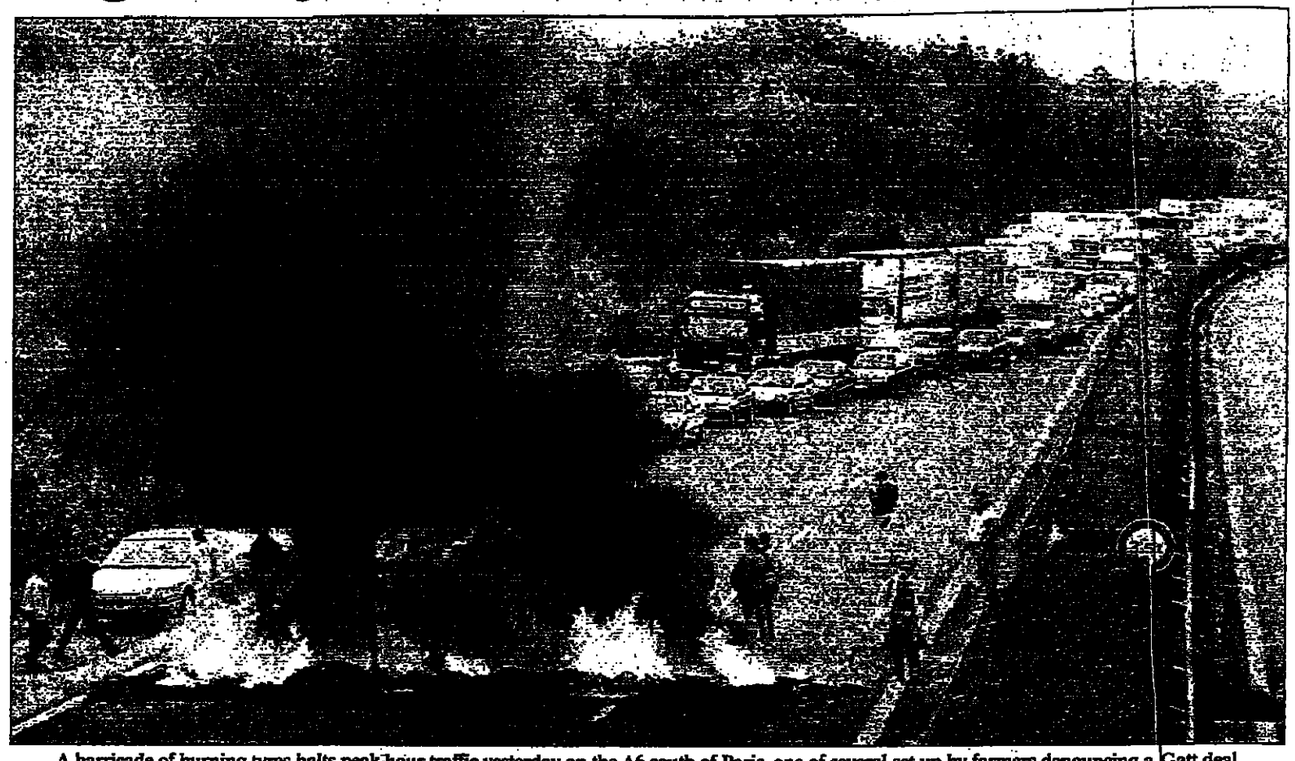
In keeping with the sympathy which France harbours for its farmers, many frustrated drivers vented their anger at police rather than the protesters, whose action was aimed at keeping pressure on the government to resist its allies' attempts to persuade it to accept the so-called Blair House agreement with the United States. At the Porte de Montreuil on the capital's ring road, which was briefly paralysed by burning straw bales, drivers stopped to collect free apples from growers. Banners conveyed the message which

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is unquestioned in public by any politician or by the mainstream media commentators. "Gatt = USA = Death to France," one said. That interpretation is shared in a country which believes its very identity is threatened by the Gatt, an acronym now imbued with sinister overtones. France, the media are reporting, is the only country courageous enough to stand up against what is being depicted as an American plot to dominate world trade and strangle European agriculture. The latest bogeyman is Peter Sutherland, the Irish director-general, who is pressing for a rapid overall agreement. He was caricatured in *France-Soir* last week as "bad-tempered, inflexible, intolerant and arrogant". A few commentators have been timidly pointing out that, thanks to the CAP, French taxpayers are already paying farmers 49 centimes in subsidies out of every franc they earn on the markets.

As the farmers did their stuff in Paris and around France yesterday, the government stepped up its "second front" in the battle with the Americans, a campaign to prevent the film and television industry being subject to the free-trade rules of Gatt. Alain Carignon, the communications minister, led a dozen film stars and directors, including Gérard Depardieu and Isabelle Huppert, to Strasbourg to make the French case. Jacques Toubon, the culture minister, said this week the government would block the Gatt accord if the "audiovisual" industry was not fully exempted. President Mitterrand was in South Korea on a mission to press French exports yesterday, with Sophie Marceau, the young film star, in his official delegation. Yesterday's relative failure by the farmers reflected a belief among many that further protests were counter-productive, given the vehemence with which the Gaullist government has sworn to defend them. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, mayor of Paris and former agriculture minister, politely urged the farmers to desist on the eve of their action, promising them he would make sure they were not betrayed. As the clock ticks towards the September 20 ministerial meeting in Brussels, it is becoming hard to see how M Balladur can find a compromise with his EC partners on handling Blair House which will not trigger a violent new *jacquerie* among the farmers. Although Spain, Ireland and Portugal have indicated some sympathy with the French position in recent days, Britain and Germany and the European Commission have been standing firm in their refusal to try to reopen negotiations, a course which President Clinton rejected on Monday. The consensus among diplomats is that the Americans will come round to accepting some "interpretation" of Blair House which would be acceptable to France. Jean Puech, the French agriculture minister, said last night support within the EC for the French position on Blair House was growing.

"I perceive a very clear change in people's views," he said after talks in Brussels. "The spectre of a crisis is not far off. We don't want one, but one is possible given the major strategic stake for France and Europe."



A barricade of burning tyres halts peak-hour traffic yesterday on the A6 south of Paris, one of several set up by farmers denouncing a Gatt deal



Balladur: sympathetic to growing rural lobby

Bid to amend Gatt terms finds little support in EC

BY GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AT A make-or-break meeting in Brussels next Monday, France will try to tie the hands of Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commission's chief negotiator in the present round of world trade talks.

The "jumbo" meeting of foreign and agriculture ministers has been called by France

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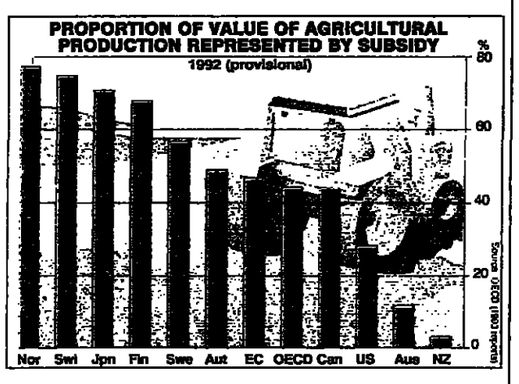
as part of an intensifying campaign to talk down the prospects of a world trade deal by Christmas under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). France also wants to unpick the EC-US deal reached at Blair House in Washington last year on lowering farm subsidies in Europe and America.

Jean Puech, the French farm minister, said in Brussels yesterday that Monday's meeting "must decide clearly and cleanly to reopen negotiations with the US" on the farm sector. He threatened the "spectre of crisis" if the EC spurned French demands.

Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, who will attend Monday's talks, said any attempt to amend the farm subsidy deal would jeopardise the liberalisation of world trade with "appalling effects".

Before meeting Sir Leon in Brussels yesterday, Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, said that there might be room for "flexible interpretations" of Blair House, but no more. He said the Commission should be given "no new mandate" on Monday and should retain its freedom to negotiate.

Ian Gardiner, policy director of Britain's National Farmers' Union, said yesterday: "We share French concern about the impact of the accord on agriculture, but we worry that if the EC starts attacking the basic principles underlying the deal it could trigger a much wider trade dispute, which would be disastrous for the whole economy".



Brittan still optimistic after US bars changes

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WORRIED US trade officials decided on a wait-and-see policy yesterday after President Clinton's warning that there must be no going back on the farm subsidies agreement between America and the European Community.

Mr Clinton's remarks were levelled against the EC in the

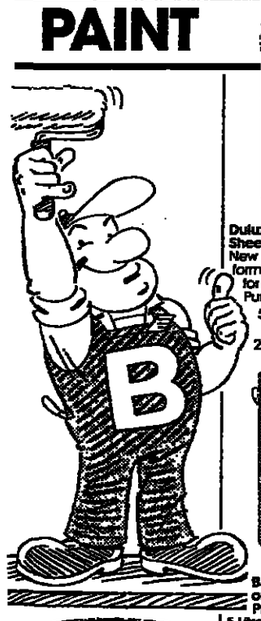
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wake of talks between US trade officials and Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the European Commission and Commissioner for foreign trade. They were not directed personally against Sir Leon. One negotiator said they were taking care not to undermine his efforts.

Sir Leon will report to EC foreign and agriculture ministers on Monday that Washington is refusing to reopen negotiations on last November's Blair House agreement, which calls for a 21 per cent reduction in the volume of subsidised grain exports over six years. He should also convey American consternation that a French veto would imperil seven years of negotiations for a new global treaty under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which must be completed by December 15. Sir Leon left Washington acknowledging that the problems were formidable, but he was optimistic that they were manageable.

He is due to meet Mickey Kantor, America's trade representative, again in two weeks. In the meantime Washington's attention is on the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico. Mr Clinton travelled to New Orleans yesterday to drum up support for Nafta in a region that has doubled its exports to Mexico in the past five years. Congressional members from industrial constituencies fear the loss of millions of American jobs to Mexican factories paying low wages if the treaty takes effect.

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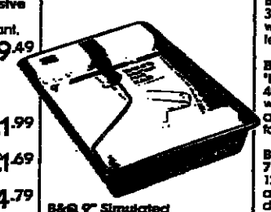
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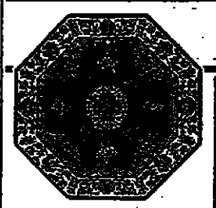
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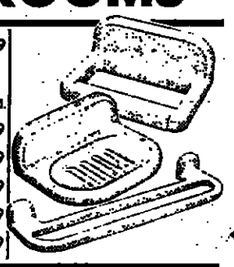
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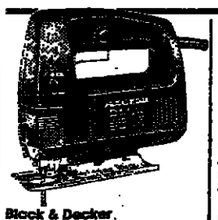
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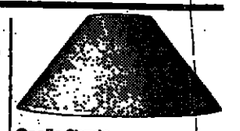
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Guerrillas kill nine soldiers in west Georgia offensive

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

GEORGIA plunged deeper *into civil* war yesterday as rebels aunched an offensive in the west of the country, killing at least nine government soldiers and taking dozens prisoner. Their aim is the removal of Eduard Shevardnadze, he Georgian leader, and the estoration to power of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the deposed president.

The rebel move follows the declaration of a state of emergency by a huge majority of the Gergian parliament, which alo agreed to suspend itself for wo months, a move forced o it by Mr Shevardnadzes threat to resign on Tuesday.

Mr Shwardnadze said yesterday that 800 rebels with armoured vehicles attacked government positions near the town of Samtredi in the western regio of Mingrelia. The Georgian nterior ministry reported yesterday afternoon that the fighting was increasing

Mr Gamsakhurdia is a Mingrelian and the province is his main base of support. The former president was deposed ina military coup in December 991, and replaced by Mr Slevardnadze. The numerous ibuses committed by the undsciplined government militia against the civilian population after the coup helped to ensure that the region would remain a hotbed of revolt.

Mr Gamsakhurdia, now living in exile in the neighbouring republic of Chechenia, yesterday called on government forces to desert and join the rebels. He also called for a mass campaign of civil disobedience against Mr *Shevardnadze's regime.* Outside Mingrelia, however, Mr Gamsakhurdia's support appears weak. By taking the town of Samtredi, the rebels could cut the last road and rail link between Tbilisi and the Black Sea ports, through which Georgia receives food aid from the West.

So far, divided and demoralised government troops have offered only poor resistance. The rebels, however, *are few in number, and may* be easily overwhelmed.

Mr Shevardnadze can probably also rely on military aid from Russia and diplomatic support from the West. Both fear a return of the radically nationalist and personally unstable Mr Gamsakhurdia. Apart from leading to chaos in Georgia itself, this would probably wreck any hope of peace with Georgia's ethnic minorities.

On Tuesday, Mr Shevardnadze's government signed a long series of economic agreements with Russia, ending a year in which Russian support for the rebellion in the Georgian autonomous republic of Abkhazia had led to acute tension between Russia and Georgia.

Now Mr Shevardnadze has agreed to what many radical Georgian nationalists see as a *humiliating peace imposed* under Russian pressure. Mingrelians fear that this agreement may threaten their own communities in Abkhazia. As a result, some Mingrelian soldiers seem to be moving south from Abkhazia to turn their guns against the Georgian government.

Moscow: Three men carrying hand grenades and explosives hijacked a passenger jet en route from Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, to Perm, in the Ural mountains, yesterday and forced the pilot to fly to Ukraine. The twin-engine jet with 44 passengers on board later took off from Borispol, near Kiev, with a fresh Ukrainian crew and was heading for Norway. The hijackers were believed to be Iranians linked with *Hezbollah. (AP)*



Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian writer, left, receiving his honorary doctorate from Rocco Buttiglione, vice-chancellor of the International Academy for Philosophy meeting in Schaan, Liechtenstein, yesterday

A mouse roars and Alpine assembly dissolves

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE mouse has roared and the angry echoes are reverberating in the picturesque Alpine valleys of Europe's only German-speaking monarchy.

Prince Hans-Adam II von und zu Liechtenstein, the hereditary ruler, has thrown his tiny principality into turmoil by dissolving the 25-member parliament for its temerity in dismissing Markus Büchel, 33, the prime minister. As a punishment for its lèse-majesté, he has ordered a general election for the second time this year.

Prince Hans-Adam is miffed not only at the way Herr Büchel, a lawyer, was voted out of office but because *the rumpus threatens the two*-party coalition that has ruled Liechtenstein in prosperous tranquillity since 1939. As the *last monarch in Europe with* power to order affairs of state, he insisted the head of government must enjoy the trust of both prince and parliament.

Parliament clearly had had enough of the youthful prime minister, in office only since May. His own right-wing Progressive Burghers Party called for his resignation, saying he was not able to get on with the rest of the government — all five members of them. It also accused him of misleading his party in the selection of the government's chief of personnel. The spat *was serious enough to worry* the other coalition partner, the Fatherland Union, which joined in a unanimous vote of no confidence on Tuesday.

Yesterday the bemused citizens were distracted from the serious business of making money not only by the Cromwellian dispute over the supremacy of parliament or monarch, but by the arrival of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian writer, who began a two-week tour of Europe by *accepting an honorary doctor*ate from the International Academy of Philosophy, also convening in Liechtenstein.



Prince Hans-Adam: in *a Cromwellian tussle*

Confusion in Nato ranks as left prepares for power in Poland

Nato is split on expansion, with Britain insisting Central European applicants adopt democratic ways and a free market first, writes ***Roger Boyes*** *in Bonn*

POLAND'S hotly contested elections look set to bring to power a left-leaning alliance that will include the former communists.

Alexander Kwasniewski, the leader of the former communists, emphasises that he would stick to the broad defence and foreign policies of earlier Solidarity administrations. Even so the very idea of a left-wing government in Poland makes Nato generals and politicians twitch with apprehension.

The political upheaveal in Poland comes at a critical moment in the Western debate about admitting post-communist Central Europe into the Nato alliance. The debate, waged on many levels and focused on a January summit, is about more than increasing the number of members; it is about the very nature of the alliance, its future mission and present capabilities.

Germany in particular has been championing the swift accession of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to create a belt of stability on its eastern frontiers and cushion it from domestic changes in Russia. Yet Bonn is rapidly discovering that this is a far from straightforward cause. *When Volker Rühe, the Ger*man deferice minister, recently proposed joint German and Polish manoeuvres as a first step towards Nato integration,



Polish politicians both left and right expressed outrage: the image of German tanks crashing through Polish terrain does not fit easily in Warsaw. If that is what Nato membership means, voters began to say, then perhaps we should think again.

The alliance is divided. France would prefer a European Community-based defence arrangement and so of course would Jacques Delors, the EC commissioner. Britain seems to favour linking or synchronising the issue of *Nato and EC membership* which would ensure that Central European applicants have established democratic institutions and integrated market economies before they join the military alliance. Washington has been cool on the subject, for fear that early Polish membership could lead to a militarisation of Russian politics.

"It's just what Aleksandr Rutskoi [the Russian vice-president] is waiting for," said a senior defence analyst in Bonn. "It would be proof *positive of a hostile West* lurking on the frontier." However, President Yeltsin's recent remarks in Warsaw — stating firmly that he did not see Polish membership of Nato as a threat — has undermined some Nato sceptics. Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, has seized on Mr Yeltsin's statement. "The time has come to open a more concrete perspective to those countries of Central and Eastern Europe which want to join Nato," he says.

In practical terms the overture to the East may mean little more than setting a *detailed timetable and stating* entry conditions. But Nato will have a mission of sorts — the projection of stability in the East. That, however, is not an end in itself. The slogan "Go East" does buy time for the alliance to sort out some of its more complex problems.

A recent Rand Institute *study identified two crisis* belts threatening European security. One begins in Central Europe and stretches along the Turkish eastern frontier towards Iran. The other runs from North Africa to the Near and Middle East and then on to western Asia. The think-tank recommended, among other things: the development of crisis management teams within Nato; full integration of France into the Nato military structure; Ger*many's strategic emancipa*tion, with full participation in peacekeeping operations; inclusion of Central Europe in Nato; and a more friendly policy towards Ukraine.

Nato defence planners do not have any great quibble with this catalogue but it does somehow have to be adjusted to political realities, a world of election campaigns and budget cuts.

The longer East Europeans stay in the waiting room, the more they begin to question the direction of the institutions that they hope to join. They may have to start to think *again about a military alliance* that, three years after the collapse of its avowed enemy, has yet to work out new priorities.

Muslims accused of Croat massacre

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN VITEZ

MUSLIM fighters were yesterday accused of slaughtering 35 Croat civilians in one of the worst atrocities of the war in central Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Croat Defence Council, or HVO, said nine Croar soldiers and 11 Muslims were also killed during the raid on the village of Uzdor at dawn on Tuesday. United Nations officials, who are sceptical of such claims following a Croat attempt to "fake" a massacre at Tomislavgrad, are convinced that this incident was not staged.

Some of the villagers were murdered in their beds, others were sprayed with machine-gun fire as they tried to escape.



The most pitiful sight was of an elderly couple, Martin Ratkic, 67, and his wife Kata, 65, who were still locked in a final *embrace. They had tried* to hide beneath a pile of sackcloths in a barn, but their killer had clearly lifted up the rags and fired mercilessly.

Five other bodies had been left lying where they fell by the Croat authorities. One man who lay on the lawn outside his house had died with a tranquil look on his face. *Inside his wife, was lying in a* pool of blood in the living room of their cottage. Another man had been left in a field, with two holes through his forehead.

*The Croats removed 22 oth*er bodies to a makeshift mortuary in the nearby town of Prozor, which straddles the *main relief supply route to* Central Bosnia. A cluster of elderly women wailed as they took it in turn to lift up the blankets and identify the dead.

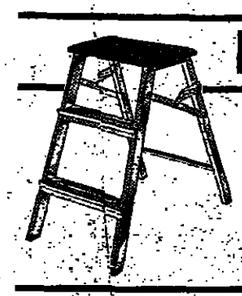
The youngest victim was a 13-year-old girl; most were elderly people. A British officer who inspected the bodies said there were no men of military age.

The HVO said the Muslims had systematically slaughtered the civilians after attacking a schoolhouse in Uzdor where Croat soldiers were billeted. The floors and walls of the building were spattered with *the blood of the nine* Croat soldiers killed, and ten wounded in the suprise assault.

One HVO soldier said: "They are cowards. The Muslims can't beat us on the front *line, so they sneak round the* side and kill our parents in their beds."

News of the massacre leaked out after Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosian president, and his Croatian counterpart, Franjo Tudjman, agreed a ceasefire in central Bosnia. The truce was also being ignored by HVO forces near the British forces' base at Vitez. They sealed off main roads around the camp as they launched mortar attacks on Muslim positions and bombarded the old Ottoman quarter of Vitez after the estimated *1,000 Muslims trapped in the* town ignored an ultimatum to surrender at midday.

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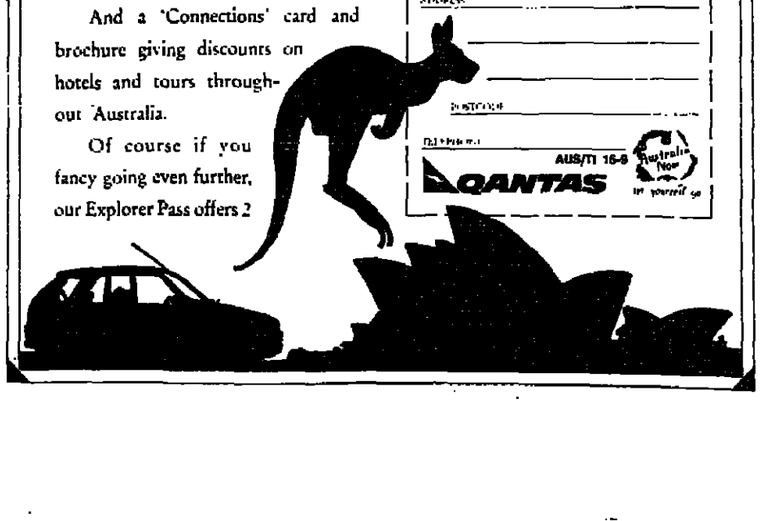
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From Barbie Doll to political dynamo

Annita Keating was dismissed as just a pretty face until she failed to curtsy to the Queen. Will she make the same mistake at Balmoral? Joanna Pitman reports

Annita Keating seemed no more than a spectator, a supporter and a washer of socks in 1991 when her husband, Paul, was made Australia's Labor prime minister and she moved with their four children into The Lodge in Canberra.

But all that changed one famous blustery afternoon in February last year when the Queen came to visit and Annita welcomed her *without a curtsy*.

In Britain, the tabloids rushed in to sneer at this little "accident", the more charitable papers describing it as "ill-mannered" and "a nasty snub". In Australia, journalists suddenly swivelled their gaze back on to the premier's wife, a source of material which they had unsuccessfully pried into but then tossed away.

Annita Keating has flown back into public view with a personality profile all of her own. Gone is the picture of Annita, the former air stewardess, as upmarket Barbie Doll, discussed, if at all, in terms of her coltish long legs and fluttery eyes.

Thanks in part to the celebrated case of the missing curtsy, Mrs Keating is developing into a woman of political action. She has taken up the cause of women's rights, openly criticising Australia Post last year for failing to include a woman in its special issue of Olympic stamps. She makes speeches about health issues and has brought attention to Australia's growing problem of homeless children.

Slowly getting into her stride, she has made solo appearances on the campaign trail, delivering all the speeches, handshakes and other trappings of political posturing with a poise and an aplomb that has surprised many.

In keeping with her cautious restraint of the past, the transition from housewife and mother to high-profile honorary politico is being made gradually as Annita still places her highest priority on the happiness of her family and their privacy.

She remains unswervingly loyal to her husband and, as a frequent visitor to parliament during question time, she sits through his brutish performances, his routine yelling of "scumbag" or "you pack of pansies" at his opponents, and manages to avoid even so much as a quizzical raise of an eyebrow in dissent.



Annita Keating on the campaign trail this year with her husband, Paul, the prime minister of Australia

Here, perhaps, her air stewardess training in keeping a sweet smile for even the most odious of passengers has stood her in good stead.

She first met Paul Keating in 1971, when she was working as a stewardess on an Alitalia flight to Bangkok. She, the multi-lingual, Dutch and very decorative 23-year-old, offered a high-pitched "tea or coffee sir?" to her 28-year-old passenger, the political rookie still living at home with his mother. She reminded him firmly to "please place your hand luggage underneath the seat in front of you".

It was a brief encounter. They chatted, he gave her his card. Mr Keating then embarked on a well-catalogued pursuit of Annita all over the world. At intervals over more than two years, he chased her to Italy, The Netherlands, and finally to Buenos Aires, where he challenged a rival suitor, a pilot, to a swimming competition.

Mr Keating won the race and claimed his prize, marrying Annita in her hometown of Oisterwijk in 1975.

The marriage is, by all accounts, rock solid and happily bound-up with four teenaged children who have been scrupulously sheltered from media attention. "She is the absolutely acme of the political wife. I got the feeling Keating could walk through a sewer and he would still smell sweet to her," says one television interviewer.

A stolid Dutch practicality has helped Mrs Keating adapt to her new country. She is naturalised as an Australian, fluent in five languages, and has been seen as a fine diplomat when travelling with the prime minister on official visits to Japan, Spain and Indonesia.

This week she has been in Washington, backing up the prime minister's call for American support for APEC, the Asia Pacific free-trade group, before coming to Britain, where she will be launched into a very superior Scottish country weekend, at Balmoral with the Queen. All eyes will be scrutinising Mrs Keating's footwork. The prime minister has warned that he will raise the question of Australia severing sovereign ties and becoming a republic. Mrs Keating, no doubt, will be helpful in softening the blow, but she is, nevertheless, wholeheartedly in favour of Australia as a republic.

Mrs Keating has already been embodied on canvas as the First Lady of a future republic, in a portrait painted by Bryan Westwood that is intended to show "the dawn of change in Australia".

The portrait, which has not yet been unveiled, was rejected four times by the fastidious prime minister who wants none of the "fag ends and bottle tops" of contemporary art, but a late 18th-century French style.

The fifth attempt will reputedly show Mrs Keating with her wavy hair full and loose, wearing a shoulderless dress and no jewellery.

At last she is showing herself to be more than merely the unknown "asset", who can bake a mean Pavlova, demonstrate latch-hook rug-making, and who looked pretty good, her hair done like Audrey Hepburn, in a photo shoot for *Vogue* in March. A small political dynamo is in the making.

More of Bamber Gascoigne's *Encyclopedia of Britain*

Dial M for memory

■ MACS dominate today's extract from Bamber Gascoigne's new *Encyclopedia of Britain*, which comes halfway through our series (T and I have already appeared; E and S will be given tomorrow and on Saturday). There will, of course, be a myriad Macs in any chapter dedicated to the letter M. Scots may therefore have the edge in the Great British Quiz (below, right).

■ A first prize worth £5,000 awaits the winner of the quiz, which began on Tuesday. There are five other prizes worth £1,000. The *Encyclopedia* is published on September 24 and quiz entries must arrive by October 1.

M1 air crash On 8 January 1989 a Boeing 737 on a British Midland flight from London to Belfast, crashed on the M1 motorway near Kegworth in Leicestershire, killing 47 of those on board. It transpired that one of the two engines had been malfunctioning and that the pilots had in error shut down the other. There was subsequent criticism not only of their action but of the layout of the instruments on the cockpit panel.

M62 coach bomb IRA terrorist atrocity in February 1974, when a bomb exploded on a coach carrying British soldiers and their families from Manchester to Catterick on the M62 motorway. Nine soldiers, a woman and two children died, and many were injured. Judith *Ward was jailed for the crime in November 1974 and had her sentence quashed in 1992.

***The* Mabinogion** A collection of 11 tales on legendary and heroic subjects, written in Welsh in the 11-13c but based on earlier oral traditions. They all appear in the manuscript known as the Red Book of Hergest (c1400, in Jesus College, Oxford) and several are in the earlier White Book of Rhydderch (c1320, National Library of Wales). They were first published in an English translation (1838-49) by Lady Charlotte Guest (1812-95).

John **McAdam** (1756-1836) Engineer who invented a road surface, first put into general use in 1815 in the Bristol region, which proved much more durable than the alternatives. The principle of the 'macadamized' road was that the surface should be well drained and raised slightly above ground level. McAdam achieved this by laying graded stones, with the largest at the bottom. There were usually three layers, each compacted by the road being opened to carriage traffic for several weeks before the next was laid. The addition of tar later in the century provided the tar macadam road, and that in turn led to *'tarmac', a trade name for a related process.

Thomas **Macaulay** (1800-59, baron 1857) Historian who was from the start a precocious child (answering at four a kind enquiry after he had hurt himself with 'Thank you, madam, the agony is abated' and writing at eight a *Compendium of Universal History*). His **Lays of Ancient Rome* (1842) were immediately popular and *The History of England* (4 vols, 1849-55) sold as no book of history ever had before. Its narrative excitements compensated for its very narrow range compared to the broad claims of the title; intended originally to run from 1588 to 1830 (as an account of pre-Reform constitutional monarchy), it progressed no further than the end of the 17c.

Dave ***McAuley*** (b 1961) Northern Irish boxer who won the IBF world flyweight title by defeating Duke McKenzie in 1989. He made seven successful defences of his title before losing it in June 1992 to Rudolfo Blanco.

Willie John **McBride** (b 1940) Northern Irish rugby union player, a powerful lock, with a record number of 17 caps for the *Lions (1962-74); combined with his 63 for Ireland (1962-75), this gave him the world's highest number of international rugby appearances until narrowly overtaken by Mike *Gibson in 1979.

Paul **McCartney** (b 1942) After the break up of the *Beatles, McCartney formed Wings in 1971 — with his wife (Linda Eastman, whom he married in 1969), Denny Laine, Henry McCullough and Denny Seiwell. By far the most successful number commercially was *Mull of Kintyre* (1977), which was the biggest-selling single in the UK (2.5 million copies) until outdone by *Do They Know It's Christmas?* (Bob Geldof and Band Aid, 1984). In 1991 his *Liverpool Oratorio*, co-written with Carl Davis, was performed by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic; the piece was commissioned for the orchestra's 150th anniversary.

Liz **McColgan** (Liz Lynch, b 1964, m Peter McColgan 1987) Scottish long-distance runner who won the gold medal for the 10,000 metres at the 1986 Commonwealth Games and retained her title in 1990. Over the same distance she was the Olympic silver medallist in 1988 and won the gold medal in the 1991 World Championships. In 1991 she began to run marathons, winning the first that she entered (New York). In 1992 she set the world indoor 5000 metres record, with a time of 15:03.17.

Alec McCowen (b 1925) Actor best known for his stage performances, and in particular for a solo tour de force in which he narrates the entire Gospel according to St Mark.

Hugh **MacDiarmid** (pen name of Christopher Murray Grieve, 1892-1978) Scottish poet, much involved with Scottish nationalism and left-wing politics, who defined his duty as a poet as being not 'to lay a tit's egg, but to erupt like a volcano, emitting not only flame but a lot of rubbish'. In the 1920s he began to write in an artificially revived version of a Scots dialect (see *Lallans), looking for his model not to *Burns but much further back, to *Dunbar; he was particularly successful with this idiom in the long poem *A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle* (1926). In 1934 he joined the *Communist Party of Great Britain (his output at this period included two 'hymns to Lenin'). Expelled from the party in 1938 for 'national deviation', he demonstrated his cussedness by rejoining in 1957, a year after Russia's invasion of Hungary.

Flora **Macdonald** (1722-90) Scottish heroine famous for her part in the escape of Bonnie Prince Charlie (Charles Edward *Stuart) in 1746. She met him when he was in Benbecula, in the outer Hebrides, and she arranged for him to cross to greater safety in Skye as a member of her party; he was in female disguise and was described as Betty Burke, an Irish spinning maid. After the prince had slipped through the English net, suspicion fell on Flora; she was brought to London and was briefly imprisoned in the Tower. She emigrated to North Carolina in 1774, but returned to Scotland in 1779.

Ramsay **MacDonald** (James Ramsay MacDonald, 1866-1937) The *Labour party's first prime minister, in 1924 and 1929-35. Born the illegitimate son of a farm servant in a Scottish *but and ben, he made an early name for himself in radical politics and was in 1900 the first secretary of the newly formed Labour Representation Committee (the original name of the party). He became MP for Leicester in 1906 and succeeded Keir *Hardie as leader in 1911. He was without a seat from 1918 (his pacifism had lost him much public sympathy in the war), but was elected for Aberavon in 1922. The election of 1923 returned 258 Conservatives, 191 Labour members and 159 Liberals, enabling MacDonald to become prime minister with Liberal support in January 1924.



Top: twelve people died when a bomb exploded on a coach on the M62. Above: the M1 air crash, in which 47 died

The Conservatives recovered an overall majority later in 1924 (in an election influenced by the *Zinoviev letter), but in 1929 Labour was for the first time the largest party. Macdonald's new government had to grapple with the problems of the *Depression, and a financial crisis in 1931 caused him to offer his resignation to the king. Instead he was persuaded to stay on as head of a 'national' government, a coalition with the Conservatives and the Liberals. His own Labour party became the Opposition, headed now by Arthur Henderson (1863-1935). They lost nearly all their seats in the election later in 1931, a sequel for which many in the party never forgave MacDonald. In 1935 he resigned the premiership to another member of the national government, Stanley *Baldwin.

** Asterisks indicate other entries.*

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The Great British Quiz

The third set of 20 questions in our five-day quiz. All today's answers have an M flavour and can be found in Bamber Gascoigne's Encyclopedia of Britain

41. Who in 1965 created a ballet, *Song of the Earth*, to Mahler's music?
42. Whose first novel was *Liza of Lambeth*, published in 1897?
43. Which World War II plane was made of wood?
44. Which normally discreet organization has an eye-catching new building at the east end of Vauxhall Bridge?
45. Who responded in 1899 to a piquant smell in a Birmingham grocer's shop?
46. Who painted *The Return of the Dove to the Ark*, now in the Ashmolean?
47. Which programme was written and presented by Annette Mills?
48. Who is the best-known friend of Antonia de Sancha?
49. In memory of which poet is a cottage in Chalfont St Giles kept as a museum?
50. Who likened privatisation to selling the family silver?
51. What was performed annually for charity in London's Foundling Hospital?
52. What was given to Rachel Verinder on her 18th birthday?
53. Who wrote the signature tune *Calling All Workers*?
54. Which liner held the blue riband of the Atlantic from 1907 to 1929?
55. Where did 42 people die in a 1975 tube disaster?
56. Who designed the London theatre which opened in 1910 with the novelty of box-to-box telephones?
57. Of which group of seven was Guiseppe Conlon a member?
58. In which series did Gary Webster follow Dennis Waterman?
59. Where in England was a tapestry factory established in 1619?
60. Which ship was the first to transport oil through the Suez Canal, in 1892?

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The mother's right to fight



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE CASE of the Midlands woman who had a hysterectomy despite the surgeon finding, after they had opened her up, that she was pregnant, has recently received some publicity.

Today is the first birthday of a boy in the Midlands whose life was saved at the eleventh hour by his mother's determination when her pregnancy went unrecognised by her doctors. Mrs Robinson, 40, does not want her real name divulged in case her good relationship with her doctors is damaged. But she feels her story serves as a valuable lesson to the medical profession and to other women in her situation.

Her son is already walking and she describes him as "very intelligent, an absolute dream, always cheerful and a great sleeper. We haven't had one night up with him since he was born".

Mrs Robinson's 12 years of marriage were marked by a terrible gynaecological history of infertility, punctuated by a series of miscarriages. She and her husband had always wanted a baby and both realised that some of the enthusiasm with which she pursued her career in one of the professions was a way of dealing with frustrated maternal desires.

Last year Mrs Robinson's comparatively heavy but short four-day periods were blamed for her increasing anaemia — her haemoglobin had fallen to less than six, half of what it should be. She now feels that this was likely to have been a result of too-enthusiastic vegetarianism.

Mrs Robinson's GP, who was always a great support, arranged a private appointment with a local gynaecologist who — after a D and C, ultrasound and a hysterogram — said that her uterus was a mass of fibroids and that her anaemia would never be cured until she had a hysterectomy: "there is just no alternative". Mrs Robinson protested that she was reluctant to have the operation. She told the gynaecologist that she would not feel wholly feminine without her uterus and, moreover, she had the suspicion that it was enlarged because she was pregnant. She felt pregnant and, after all her miscarriages, she knew all about feeling pregnant.

The surgeon was dismissive and Mrs Robinson will never forget his opening words in reply to her statement: "You are a very silly woman, let's just have this womb out and be done with it." He attributed her symptoms of pregnancy, even recent absence of a period, to hormonal changes, heralding the approach of the menopause and refused to discuss the matter further. He booked a bed and arranged a time for the hysterectomy.

At the last moment Mrs Robinson telephoned to postpone her admission and, meanwhile, slipped off to buy a pregnancy test at the chemists. The test was positive. She then surreptitiously organised a scan through a friend at the local NHS hospital and this confirmed her own diagnosis.

Now, a year after a successful Caesarian section, she is seemingly a contented, well-balanced and happy mother delighting in the presence of her small boy.

She says she has learnt several lessons. As well as giving up vegetarianism she now knows that experts, whether in her own profession or in other disciplines, are fallible. She also believes that members of the public, whether clients or patients, have the right to discuss their worries and that such discussion is valuable.

Doctors, too, can learn from the case and should remember the old adage that any woman from 15 to 50 who has missed a period is pregnant until proved otherwise. Doctors should be no more surprised that women want to keep a useless uterus than they are when elderly men with prostate cancer are prepared to risk death rather than be castrated.



The Palace of Westminster — is the asbestos there a danger?

Deadly fibres

PLINY, who lived in the first century AD, described how the weavers who made the wicks which were carried by the vestal virgins in ancient Rome wore masks to protect themselves from inhaling the fibres of the asbestos which was used to make them.

It was not until the 1930s that doctors again realised the part played by asbestos as a cause of occupational disease, but even then it was only in the 1960s that the thousands of electricians, plumbers and demolition workers who were subjected to its deadly dust were fully appraised of the risk they ran. Pipe laggers on ships, and others exposed to asbestos during shipboard life, where air circulation is restricted, seemed to be in particular danger.

It is still comparatively common for doctors to see men whose war service in the Navy is as much commemorated by the asbestos-induced plaques on the inside of their chest wall as it would be by any medals they could wear on their jackets.

Last week it was announced that asbestos had been found in the House of Commons. The risk to Honorable Members must be negligible — as opposed to the builders who restored the building after the war and the maintenance men who have worked there since.

Asbestos comes in three types, chrysotile (white), crocidolite (blue) and amosite (brown). The blue and brown are responsible for the great majority of cases of mesothelioma, the highly malignant and dreaded tumour of the pleura, the covering of the lung. Although in most cases the chance of developing mesothelioma is related to the amount of asbestos inhaled, in some cases even short exposure to the dust is all that is needed to stimulate the malignancy.

All three types of asbestos also cause other chest diseases — non-malignant pleural plaques, fibrosis of the lungs, and occasionally cancer of the lung. These risks are more pronounced in cigarette smokers.

Eat your greens

THE report of scientists from the US National Cancer Institute, in conjunction with Chinese colleagues, confirms the belief that additional anti-oxident vitamins and selenium reduce the death rate from some cancers. The five-year study of 30,000 patients in a remote rural area where diet and lifestyle were likely to remain largely unchanged recorded a 15 per cent fall in cancer death rates.

There have recently been several studies which demonstrate that the anti-oxident vitamins, vitamin E and Beta carotene, as well as vitamin C — whether in pill form or in red, orange or dark green vegetables and fruit — provide protection against cancer and coronary heart disease.

Particularly pleasing to people in Norfolk is the inclusion of the mineral selenium in the recommended cocktail. Parts of the county are very rich in selenium.

Those of us no longer in the position to benefit from the hair curling properties of locally grown carrots or spinach can be consoled by the thought that the Beta carotene in them, as in imported citrus fruits, protects us from gut malignancies. Vitamin E can be taken in capsule form or in such items as wholemeal bread or liver.

Too old to be cured of cancer

Patients are dying prematurely having been denied the most effective treatment, **Aileen Ballantyne** writes

MARTIN BEDDALL



Despite her age, Florence Major had her preferred treatment for cancer, a mastectomy. "Life doesn't become less valuable just because you get older," she says

Up to a thousand men and women are dying of cancer unnecessarily every year because doctors decide they are simply "too old" to cope with surgery, radiotherapy or chemotherapy.

The finding comes from Professor Fentiman, consultant surgeon and deputy director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's clinical oncology unit at Guy's Hospital, central London, who has just published a report on cancer treatment for people over 70.

His report, in this month's *Current Practice in Surgery*, comes as doctors are being forced to make increasingly difficult choices. The number of effective, highly sophisticated, but expensive, life-saving techniques is expanding rapidly while health service resources remain limited.

Mr Fentiman, who is secretary of a working party on the elderly for the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer, argues that criteria for such choices is based on a form of ageism.

He says that the age of a patient is often the first piece of information a doctor seeks when deciding how to manage his or her treatment. "Many then wrongly decide that it is not worth subjecting the patient to the more aggressive — but effective — forms of treatment because they believe the patient is likely to die of something else before the cancer kills them."

In fact, he argues, government figures show this belief to be erroneous. If a woman gets to 70, her chances of then surviving to 82 are 50 per cent. If a man gets to 70, he has a 50 per cent chance of living to 77.

With Professor Gordon McVie, scientific director of the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC), Mr Fentiman is calling for an end to the traditional upper age limit of 70 in medical trials. Together, the two organisations, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the CRC fund more than 80 per cent of all cancer research in Britain.

Most medical trials, which form the basis of all new drug treatments for any disease, do not accept patients over the age of 70 because of what many doctors see as the increased chance of the patient dying of a disease other than that being studied.

In cancer, one consequence of this tradition can be important when older patients are given effective treatment. If this involves new drugs, they may suffer unexpected side-effects. Older people sometimes react to drugs differently from younger people but without trials doctors cannot know of these discrepancies.

"Not entering someone into a medical trial of a new treatment just because they are regarded as too old is ageist," Professor McVie says. "In America it is against the discrimination laws to operate such an age limit."

For the past seven years in Britain, many older women with breast cancer have been treated using tamoxifen, an oestrogen-suppressing drug, rather than by surgical removal of the tumour and radiotherapy or by mastectomy. This approach was based on two premises: a belief that, in older people, cancerous tumours grow slowly; and a reluctance to put older people through the rigours of surgery or the tiring and uncomfortable process of radiotherapy.

Yet a recent study, funded by the Cancer Research Campaign, which followed patients for four years, showed that those given the best type of surgery for their form of breast cancer, coupled with tamoxifen, were at least 30 per cent less likely to suffer a recurrence, and 5 per cent less likely to die, than those treated with tamoxifen alone.

If these figures are applied to all cancer patients over 70 who do not receive the most effective form of treatment, Mr Fentiman estimates that up to 1,000 people could be dying unnecessarily each year.

Mr Fentiman's report further suggests that the idea that cancer behaves more "indolently" in the elderly is a misconception. "Behaviour of tumours in the elderly cannot be predicted with accuracy," he writes.

A recent Danish study looked at the one-year survival rate of 657 patients aged 70 or more treated "curatively", compared with 224 treated "palliatively" (in other words treated only to alleviate symptoms and discomfort). The survival rate of those that doctors attempted to cure was 88 per cent, compared with 68 per cent in the palliative group. Five years on, only 19 per cent of the palliative group were alive, compared with 54 per cent of the curative group.

Mr Fentiman believes that treating older patients in the same way as you would younger ones — based on their disease rather than their age — is justified by cases such as that of Florence Major, a retired further education lecturer from Bromley, in Kent. Three years ago, Mrs Major, who admits only to being "over 70", was referred to Guy's with breast cancer. Instead of just being given tamoxifen to try to slow the progress of the disease, the affected breast was removed. Since then, she has had regular check-ups and has been found to be clear of the cancer.

"Within ten days of the operation, I was well enough to go to my niece's wedding", she says, "and then I went to New England without any trouble, my first visit to America, about a month after the operation."

Mrs Major, a widow, says that she wanted the treatment most likely to save her life. "Life doesn't become any less valuable just because you get older," she says. "I feel very fortunate — many people of my age lose their eyesight or their hearing, rather than simply a breast. I don't have to take any tablets and I feel as fit as I did ten or 15 years ago."

Some older women, however, unlike Mrs Major, are extremely upset at the idea of a mastectomy. For them, and for certain types of breast cancer, radiotherapy is likely to provide a better long-term chance of survival than tamoxifen treatment alone. But such an approach may have enormous cost implications.

Radiotherapy can be physically tiring, and although younger patients may be able to travel to hospital every day for six weeks for the treatment, some older patients may find that difficult. "Not many radiotherapy departments have beds," Mr Fentiman says. "If you were to say to most surgeons, 'This patient will be having radiotherapy and I want to keep her in', their immediate response would be, 'That blocks a bed for six weeks and means I have to cancel four other major operations and eight minor ones'.

"At the end of the day it all comes down to what price we put on a human life."

Will the chemist put the doctor out of work?

Patients can get increasing numbers of drugs over the counter



Self-medication could end time-wasting queues in crowded doctors' waiting rooms

Every profession has its restrictive practices and for doctors the most important is the exclusive monopoly on the right to prescribe drugs.

Many people would willingly skip the tedium of hanging around in the doctor's surgery and go straight to the chemist, were it not that they need the magic piece of blue paper with its hasty scribble which is necessary to obtain the drugs they require.

Gradually that monopoly is being eroded as many more drugs are being switched from "prescription only" to "over-the-counter" or OTC. So far, ten drugs have changed categories including strong painkillers, the popular anti-inflammatory Nurofen and mild steroid creams for eczema.

But this, it seems, is only the beginning. The medicines control agency is determined to accelerate the process, making a further 15 drugs OTC this year alone — including Acyclovir for herpes, the anti-ulcer drug Cimetidine and Intal for allergic conditions. There are, in addition, a further 36 drugs for which a change in status is under discussion. Soon the public will be able to treat themselves not just for coughs and colds but for herpes, impetigo, piles, asthma, gastritis, ulcers, arthritis and fibrositis and many other ailments.

This will, of course, require patients to take a stab at diagnosing their own symptoms. If one does not mind sharing one's ailments with everyone else in the chemist's shop, the friendly neighbourhood pharmacist will be only too willing to give his advice.

Two factors have made this major shift towards self-treatment possible. First, many of these drugs are not only highly effective but remarkably safe. All drugs have the potential to cause side-effects, but compared with some of those already generally available like aspirin, which can cause gastritis or exacerbate asthma, compounds like Acyclovir and Intal cause hardly any adverse reactions at all.

Secondly, the justification is financial. Last year the health service drugs bill soared by a quarter to £3 billion. As a result, both the Treasury and family doctors, with limited drugs budgets, are keen for the public to start paying for drugs out of their own pockets.

Of course, critics such as Dr Colin Waine, of the Royal College of General Practitioners, are right to warn that many symptoms of apparently benign ailments like abdominal pain and nausea can simulate something altogether more sinister.

Furthermore, good medical practice is often to do nothing and to discourage people from taking medicines they do not really need. Countries such as France, where opportunities for self-treatment have always been substantial, spend four times as much on pharmaceuticals than Britain.

Family doctors have valuable skills, but in future the question is bound to be raised, quite legitimately, whether we will need quite so many of them. As it is, practice nurses have already taken over much of the routine work of keeping an eye on those with diabetes, asthma and hypertension in special clinics.

Dr Craig Cannon, a Birmingham GP, writing this week in the *British Medical Journal*, warns: "We are now past the thin end of the wedge and we may disappear from the scene altogether or be forced to accept a far more limited managerial rather than medical role."

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Americans who flock to our shores

A letter to a friend in the United States contemplating a move to Britain

William Rees-Mogg

Taxes are lower here than in New York, probably for the first time this century — and we get a free health service

Last time I saw you, you told me that you were thinking of moving to London, and asked my advice on doing so. You are not the only American to be asking the question.

You have various reasons which are making you consider what must be a big change in your life. Some of them are financial. You have serious educational concerns, and you are worried about the school your child would attend. But your main reasons are cultural. You feel that the United States is losing many of its old values, and that some of them have been better preserved in Europe, and in Britain in particular. You are also worried that if you stay in America, you or a number of your family will end up being shot, if only by a ricochet.

Certainly many American families have re-emigrated successfully back to Britain. The Astors are probably the best known, and they did not even come from Britain originally, but from Germany. The decision to settle here seems to have worked well for them and for Britain. They have produced a number of very distinguished citizens, of whom my favourite is David Astor, one time proprietor and editor of the London *Observer* and the friend and patron of the good Germans of the 1940s. My own ancestors, on both my mother's and my father's side, went to America and came back again, and I have always been grateful for my American connections. Young Winston Churchill — now a formidable middle-aged Conservative MP — has Jennie Jerome for his great-grandmother, and his mother is now the American ambassador to Paris. These re-emigrations work quite intriguingly.

When I first went to New York, in 1951, there was a big gap between the financial opportunities there and in London. That has largely disappeared. President Clinton's new taxes have raised New York's marginal tax rates above London's, if you include the New York State tax. As far as I can make out, that has never happened before, certainly not in this century. For our taxes we get a free health service, whereas in America health insurance comes on top.

You tell me that you can earn as good a living in London as you can at home, thanks to the modern and fax. Intellectual industry is no longer determined by geography. You would find in London a back-up of lawyers, accountants, stockbrokers, bankers and so on who are just as sophisticated as in New York, though not necessarily cheaper. I doubt whether there are any financial arguments to keep you from moving here: Britain is quite kind to visitors as far as tax is concerned and the US gives a substantial tax relief.

You ask me about crime in Britain: understandably you do not want to jump out of the frying-pan into the fire. Our crime is worse than it was. Last night at dinner I was sitting next to a couple who had been burgled eight times in the last few years; their neighbour had her whole house stripped by burglars who came with a pantechnicon as though they were removal men. I suppose that is what they were.

On the other hand we have a low murder rate. The chances of having a car radio stolen are very high; the chances of having a house burgled are too high; the chances of being shot in the street are much lower than in New York, Washington, Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles or any other major American city. Certainly tourists in Britain do not run the risks they do in Florida.

As you say, crime is a problem for American schooling. A friend who lives in Georgetown tells me that he cannot use the state school system, because his child would be bussed to a school on the other side of Washington, next to a prison, where they have to take the guns off the children as they enter the playground. You would not find those problems here: even the bad schools are not dangerous in that way. We do have racial problems, in school as well as in society, but they are neither as widespread nor as serious as yours.

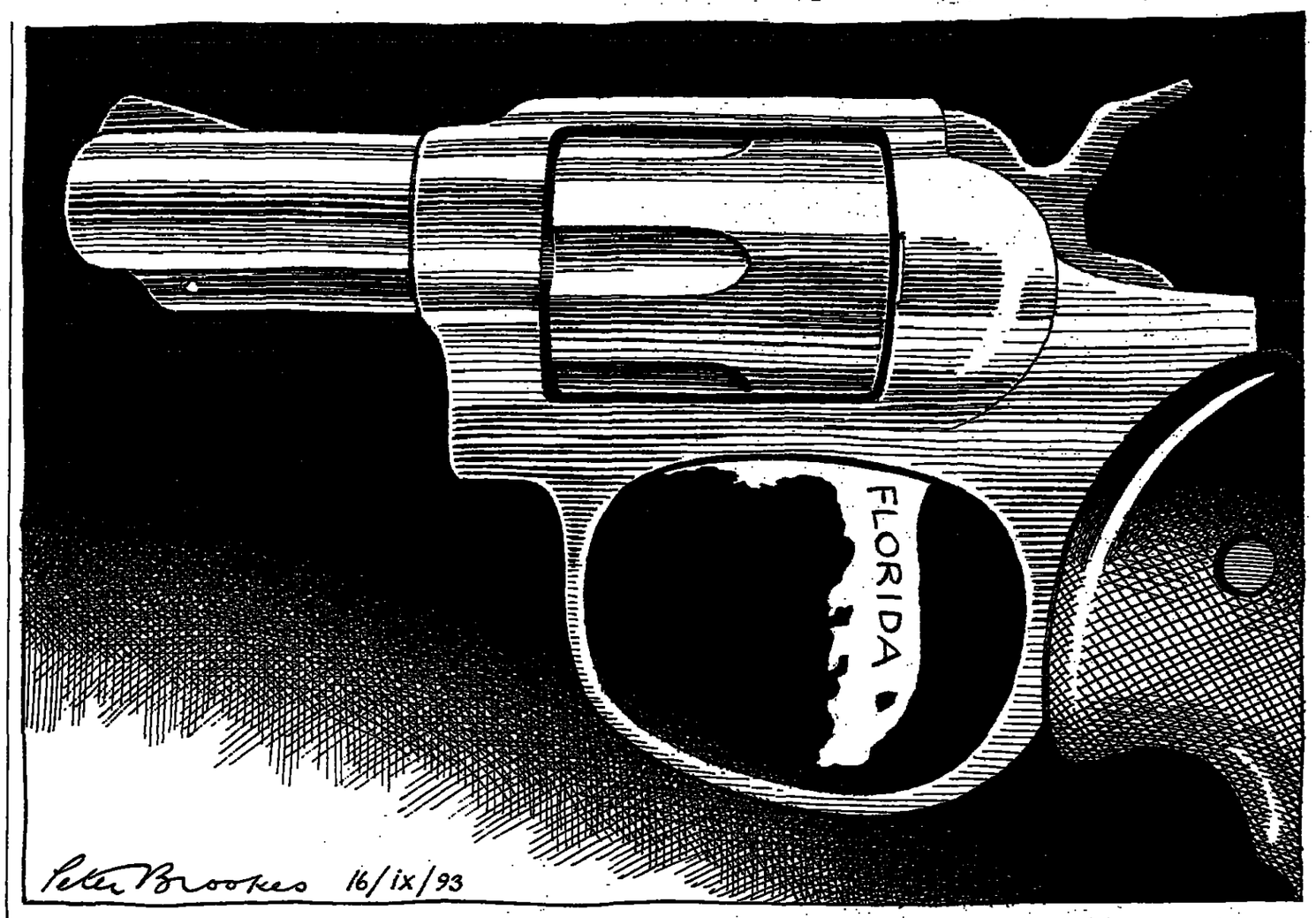
On average, British schools are not the best in Europe — your child would probably learn more in Germany or France. But you prefer an English-language education. Friends whose children who have crossed the Atlantic tell me that the average English student is about two years ahead of the average American at the point of leaving High School. I hear of a horror report which says that 90 million Americans cannot write a proper letter, or add and subtract on a calculator. Can this be true?

Health care in Britain is free if you choose to use the National Health Service, or relatively inexpensive if you use the parallel private system. I suspect that high-tech American medicine has the edge, if you are planning on a triple transplant. The expectation of life is identical (it is slightly higher in Hong Kong).

So I would not dissuade you from coming here on practical grounds. You could earn as much: you would pay less tax; your children would probably be better educated; you would run less risk of being murdered; the health care is free, and just as good for 99 per cent of cases. The politics may not be as exciting an observer sport, but I gather you would not wish to stay in the States just to watch Bill Clinton on television.

Finally there is the question of the cultural shift. Britain is obviously more European, indeed more British, than the United States. It does not have the crackle of nervous energy which makes America such a wonderland to those of us who come to you from here. It is a less dynamic society, and responds more cautiously to change. But it is a society which has not lost its continuity with the past, either in its way of thought or in social relationships. That is still true of some parts of America. I can see no reason why anyone would want to leave Vermont to seek a quieter or more traditional way of life in Britain. But this is not true of your big cities. The big European cities remain what the big American cities are no longer: places in which it is possible both to enjoy the advantages of culture and business, and to lead a comfortable family life.

I hope you will come. Certainly Americans in Britain are making more than an average contribution to British life.



THE SUNSHINE STATE

The day I almost quit

A year after Black Wednesday, **Norman Lamont** urges Britain to steer clear of monetary union

It is 12 months to the day since Britain's policy towards the European exchange-rate mechanism collapsed. There is no other way to describe it. It was certainly not planned; it was forced upon us: a humiliation for the government, the prime minister and myself, which led ultimately to my resignation from the government.

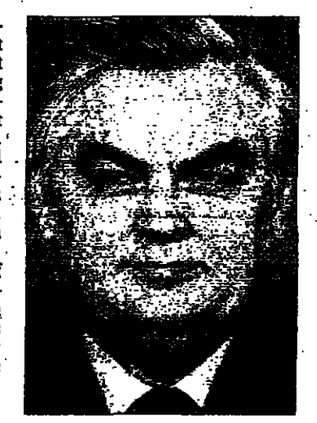
Of course I have often reflected whether it would have been better if I had resigned immediately. I certainly considered that option at the time, but the prime minister said he did not want it. Had I known that he would change his mind as he did, I would have done so. But I had the satisfaction of putting in place an entirely new basis for monetary policy and seeing the tangible evidence of Britain's recovery from the recession.

Embarrassing and humiliating as the events of a year ago were, it is now clear, following the general breakdown of the ERM last month, that the circumstances which led to Britain's exit from the mechanism were beyond the control of this country or any other. In so far as we had a choice, it was between leaving the ERM voluntarily and being forced out.

Twelve months do lend those events some perspective. Newly revised figures on the economy now show that the boom of the late 1980s was even stronger than had previously been thought, and that the recession was somewhat shallower. It was not the ERM that caused the recession: after the boom, a correction was needed. This was the recession that had to happen.

This has wrongly been described as the deepest recession since the second world war. We now know that output fell by 3.8 per cent, peak to trough, compared with 5.5 per cent in the recession of the early 1980s. The recession of the early 1990s has more in common with that of the mid-1970s, when output fell by 3.4 per cent, but which lasted slightly longer.

There is no doubt that towards the end of our membership, the ERM forced upon us a policy that had become inappropriate to British needs. Our policy was too tight in 1992. While I had concluded that this was the case, and was moving towards the solution that the markets finally imposed, I do not regret the impact it had on the economy. Critics might say that it prolonged the recession, even though the recession ended nearly six months before we left the ERM, but it did lead to a faster than anticipated fall in inflation.



There is no objective measure of the optimum trade-off between output and inflation (the "price worth paying"), which in any case holds only over the short term. For my part, it is clear to me that the besetting problem of the British economy over the past few decades has been its tendency to become inflationary as the economy grows, and not understimulation by governments. Those who are not prepared to fight inflation would be more honest to acknowledge this.

What our ERM membership helped to achieve was the decisive break in inflationary expectations which eluded us in the 1980s, when wage increases never fell below a floor of 5 per cent a year. Wages are now rising at only 3.5 per cent a year, and are on a downward trend. Productivity increases are easily outstripping wage increases, leading to falling unit wage costs. It is hard to overstate the implications this has for the economy. It means inflation can be kept down, jobs can be created and industry can rebuild its profit margins. Britain has not had such strong economic fundamentals at any time during the 20 years I have been in politics.

Creating such an environment was central to the government's purpose when it was first elected in 1979. Clearly the trade union reforms of the 1980s played a key part. So too did our membership of the ERM, as it maintained strong disinflationary pressure.

Where I feel the critics are on stronger ground is their doubts about the politics of the ERM. We entered the ERM for the wrong reasons. Margaret Thatcher wanted a cut in interest rates and, I believe, allowed her judgment to be swayed by short-term considerations. Douglas Hurd and John Major wanted to join as part of the government's European policy, and to preserve party unity on what could be a difficult issue. But monetary policy should be simply about controlling inflation, not about fulfilling such political aims. The government's desire to be "at the heart of Europe", together with the Maastricht treaty, constituted a huge political obstacle to voluntary departure from the ERM.

What made our membership of the mechanism unsustainable was German reunification and its far-reaching consequences. Because of soaring public spending after reunification, interest rates took too much of the strain in coping with the boom. Perversely, subsidising interest rates in eastern Germany forced western German rates even higher, so keeping interest rates too high throughout Europe. These rates were as inappropriate for France and Italy as for Britain. The markets perceived this all too clearly, and having picked off Britain, they saw that French policy was equally unsustainable and vulnerable. For France, the humiliation was even greater than for Britain, since the "franc fort" had been the cornerstone of policy through three French governments.

Some have drawn the conclusion that all this shows that fixed exchange rates cannot ever work. Certainly it is the case that fixed systems cannot work if the anchor currency no longer acts as a stable anchor. It was America's problems in financing Vietnam and a large expansion of the welfare state that led to the demise of the Bretton Woods Agreement, and 20 years later the problems of Germany led to the collapse of the ERM. But it also has to be remembered that the Bretton Woods system lasted for 30 years and the ERM for 13. Each system provided stability and low inflation for long periods.

In a world of huge capital flows, floating may be the only way of the future, but no one should think that floating is an easy option or that management of the economy through monetary aggregates is straightforward or simple. Past difficulties led chancellors as different as Geoffrey Howe and Nigel Lawson to look for an alternative, and no chancellor is ever going to be indifferent to the exchange rate.

As the only chancellor within the past 20 years to have operated within a fixed-rate system, my perspective is different. Even when the problems caused by German reunification have been fully digested, I doubt if Europe will be able to return to fixed rates. The abolition of exchange controls added to the problems of the ERM, and I cannot see some of the weaker members reducing their public debt ratios by a sufficient amount within any realistic timescale.

In my view it would be folly for the countries of the European Monetary System to try to move back to the narrow bands of the ERM, and talk of accelerating monetary union is just pious, unrealisable Euro-vision. Far better to abandon the goal of monetary union. As a former chancellor, I believe it is imperative that the evolution of our monetary policy should never again be constrained by political factors such as those I have described. To this end we should disengage from the discussions on monetary union, and the prime minister should state categorically that Britain will not be participating in the third stage of monetary union.

We now have a national monetary framework, which I established and which the markets understand. Its credibility will be tested when the time comes to raise interest rates, as surely it will. Some appear to dispute this, and it has become fashionable to say that inflation is now dead and that we are in an era of low inflation. Certainly the European recession will mean low inflationary pressure for some time. But there is nothing certain about low inflation in the medium term. Inflation is not something one can go out and shoot and then leave for dead.

The level of inflation in the late 1990s will depend on the determination of policy-makers and on the policy followed today. I can see plenty of reasons why inflation could be politically attractive for a short while, especially given the high level of household debt and rapid growth of public debt. That is why it is vital that public finances are brought back towards balance, an issue that I am sure will dominate public debate this autumn.

Job for a lifer?

SO WHO will replace Lord Hesketh, the government chief whip in the House of Lords, best known for his talent for quenching the ardour of many an aspiring Maastricht rebels with a wickedly mixed bloody mary? An announcement from Downing Street is imminent, but in the meantime gossip is rife.

At the moment it looks like a two horse race. Neck-and-neck are Lords Strathmore and Strathclyde. At first glance, Strathmore, 36, seems the better bet, having served two years as Hesketh's deputy. As well as possessing youth and charm, he is a hereditary peer, which is still considered a vital attribute in the fusty atmosphere of the chamber, where received wisdom is that hereditary peers can whip life peers but not vice versa. With the prime minister eager to improve relations with the royal family, the fact that Strathmore is the Queen Mother's great-nephew may also not go unnoticed.

Strathclyde, on the other hand, is three years younger, but has more government experience. Currently environment minister, he has also served time in the environment and trade departments, and at the Scottish Office. Like Hesketh and Strathmore, he also cuts a fashionably substantial figure — an inestimable advantage in a chief whip, whose main weapons, it is said, are persuasion, bullying and gin.

Viscount Cranborne (Eton and Oxford) is another possibility. Formerly MP for Dorset South, he is now parliamentary under-secretary at the Ministry of Defence. He is very highly regarded: last year John Major adopted a procedure used only three times in the past 300 years to accelerate his progress into the Lords.

But in the prime minister's classless society, could it be time for a life peer to take over? Probably not. The appointment of someone like Lord Archer, it is felt, could lead to the so-called backwoodsmen returning permanently to their woods, while the elevation of Michael Heseltine is ruled out because it would prompt a by-election.

Lord Hailsham says it is a hard post to fill. "The chief whip in the Lords, unlike the Commons, has no power or sanction over anyone. You have to be very good with people, to know everything about everybody, and to be able to persuade people without sanctions." But he does not believe it matters whether the whip is a hereditary or life peer. "Many of the most important peers are hereditary peers, and the chief whip has to know them all. But a life peer can do that just as well."

● *With the day of reckoning for Manchester's Olympic bid almost upon us, a three-line whip has been imposed on ministers to seek support for the bid when abroad. On his recent trip to Saudi Arabia, the unsporting but dutiful Douglas Hurd casually enquired whether the support of Prince Saud al-Faisal, the urbane Saudi foreign minister, might be relied upon. Prince Saud's response surprised even the unflappable Hurd. "Of course, you know I have always been a Manchester United supporter."*

DIARY

Category mistake

RELATIONS between the media and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, appear to be reaching a new low, if the introduction to a collection of his sermons, *Sharing a Vision*, launched last night at Lambeth Palace, is any guide. Richard Holloway, the Anglican bishop of Edinburgh, says the book is important because it gives the public an opportunity to make up its own mind about Carey. He urges Carey not to be depressed or deflected by "the fickle preoccupations of the British press". The "unwanted attentions" of journalists, says Holloway, should be treated the way a driver speeding through the countryside treats the insects that end up coating the windscreen of the car.



God may notice every sparrow that falls, but evidently insects and journalists fall into a different category.

Book battles

SIR Michael McNair-Wilson, the MP for Newbury from 1974 to 1992, would be proud. His widow has just published *Battle for a Kingdom*, a history of the Battle of Newbury, which he finished writing a week before his death in March.

According to Lady McNair-Wilson, her husband had been commissioned by a commercial publisher to do the book, "but when Michael died they did not want to go ahead. The publisher was relying on his presence to sell the book — his enthusiasm about the subject was infectious."

McNair-Wilson, she says, "was fascinated by the characters — the king, Essex, Lord Falkland. It sparked his imagination. He was so enthusiastic about it." But without a commercial publisher for the book, Lady McNair-Wilson has printed 300 copies privately, which she will sell in local bookshops, at the Newbury Show this weekend and, on September 25 and 26, at the 350th anniversary of the Battle of Newbury, with the guns of the Sealed Knot's re-enactment blazing around her.

"My husband wrote it to coincide with the anniversary of the battle. That's why I have published it now. It is also, of course, very much in memory of him."



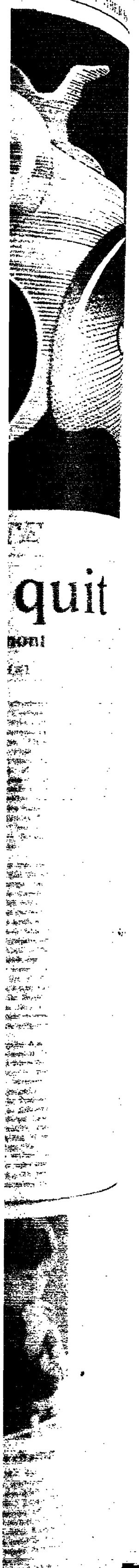
Mother's champ

NIGEL SHORT has yet to overcome the immovable object of world champion Garry Kasparov. But Luke McShane, the nine-year-old chess master from London who earlier this year kept Kasparov guessing for a tense 50 moves, has an even bigger mountain to climb: his mother.

In next month's *Harpers & Queen*, Luke's mother says that although she is "ridiculously proud" of him, she actually hates the game.

"It's difficult to see a prodigy when you are constantly urging him not to pick his nose, to pull the flush, to eat his breakfast or to brush his teeth," she says. "After all, he is not some weird, introspective genius. Just a little boy, who goes to an ordinary school, has ordinary friends and looks forward to his weekly copy of *The Beano*."

● *A slap in the face for English Heritage, which has just had a proposal to install a blue plaque on a London house rudely rejected. The suggestion of a plaque on a house in Glebe Place, Chelsea, was turned down by its owner, the former Kensington and Chelsea mayor Jonathan Wheeler. But although he is a Conservative, Wheeler insists his objection has nothing to do with the socialism espoused by the former occupants Vera Brittain and Winifred Holtby. Nor by the fact that Brittain's daughter is SDP founder Baroness Williams. "We just don't want a plaque on our house," he says. "It's nothing to do with the people."*



THE OPEN ROAD

Labour education policy is an easy target for John Patten

John Patten's speech to the Headmasters' Conference yesterday was a measured exposition of the government's education policy. But it was a missed chance to recapture the initiative after a disastrous year in the Education Secretary's political life.

The speech took due note of Sir Ron Dearing's national curriculum review. It made clear that parental choice and diversity of provision would remain the cornerstones of policy; that the curriculum would be pared down and bureaucracy reduced. Teachers will face a smaller marking workload, leaving them time to concentrate their energies in the classroom. But, although Mr Patten was more assured than he often is before a professional audience, he could not find the will to counter-attack.

Aart from a sideswipe at university education departments which refuse to train teachers in private schools, there was nothing new. The HMC, which represents many of the top independent schools, has been Mr Patten's most formidable critic, joining the teachers' unions in its opposition to the national testing system, the publication of truancy statistics and the government's league tables. Though on many of these issues — most recently its attack on A levels — the HMC has been wrong-headed, its influence has been considerable. This would have been an ideal platform for a fightback by the education secretary. Instead, his speech was an eloquent recapitulation.

Mr Patten is not a strong performer even by the standard of this government. He was fortunate to keep his job in the last cabinet reshuffle. Yet the weakness of the Opposition's education policy is such that there is still ample opportunity for him to restore confidence in Conservative education policy, flawed though its implementation has been. This week's Labour green paper on education was feeble, revealing the poverty of the Opposition's imagination in an area which ought to be one of its strengths.

Five years after the Education Reform Act, Labour remains implacably opposed to the principles which underpinned it. Ann Taylor, the shadow education secretary, would drop all "meaningless league tables", in spite of their manifest popularity with parents. She proposes to abolish compulsory tests for 7 and 11-year olds. She speaks of a "national crusade for education" but opposes the notion of national targets — which she says "sometimes prove difficult for schools and local authorities". That is surely not a weakness of targets but a strength.

Most objectionable is Labour's ambition to return all grant-maintained schools to a form of local authority control. This was barely plausible as a policy objective at the general election; now, the proposal merely reveals the chasm between Labour's policy and the aspiration of parents. Almost 1,000 schools have already voted to leave town hall control — a massive devolution of power from local bureaucracy to governors, heads and parents. For Labour to restore that power to councils by diktat would be a monstrous step.

Mr Patten could scarcely ask for better ground for battle. To recapture the territory lost to the unions this summer, he must deliver a much more robust and forward-looking speech at next month's Tory conference. He must answer a series of questions: how the new funding agency for schools will preserve the independence of the grant-maintained sector, how the Dearing review will be implemented, how performance-related pay will reward the best teachers, and how ministers would deal with another union boycott next year. Yesterday he admitted that "we still have quite a long road to travel". He can at least take comfort that Labour has left the road so open.

BACK IN THE POWER GAME

Traditional diplomacy has a chance to redeem its reputation

Behind the flag-waving, the demonstrations, the speeches and ceremonial, change is coming so fast to the Middle East that militants and moderates alike are bemused. A day after the ground-breaking agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Jordan announced an agreed agenda for negotiations on a peace treaty, and King Hassan of Morocco welcomed Yitzhak Rabin for a brief and unprecedented public visit. The domino recognition of Israel is likely to spread soon to Tunisia and further afield to other Muslim countries.

The rejectionists however, temporarily winded, have been swift to regroup. Some leaders of hardline Palestinian groups have gone to Libya. Ahmad Gibril, speaking for rejectionist groups in Syria, has promised to have Yassir Arafat assassinated. More ominously, Farouk Kaddoumi, Mr Arafat's senior aide, has flown to Baghdad.

The rejectionists are gathering to plot sabotage. In this, they are hoping to harness the virulence of the Islamic fundamentalists, who, with Iran as their mouthpiece, promise a new *jihad* against both Israel and the PLO. In the short term, the fundamentalists will be strengthened: opposition to the state of Israel is intrinsic to their political ideology, and they have successfully used it to garner support by playing upon the frustration of the poor and dispossessed from Iran to Algeria. Although a majority of Palestinians support the deal with Israel, a sizeable minority are outraged, and many sceptics may move to open opposition if the momentum of reconciliation stalls.

In the long term, however, the fundamentalists' opposition may simply hasten the acceptance of Israel by the Arab world. Many countries feel threatened by extremism disguising itself in a Muslim cloak. They know that trumping the anti-Israel card will dent the ideological appeal of the fundamentalists, and countries such as Saudi Arabia, though deeply opposed to Israeli control of the Muslim holy places in Jerusalem, are anxious to defuse the threat from Iranian-inspired fundamentalism.

The decisive factor in any new political alignment is Syria. So far President Assad, a master tactician, has refused to commit himself. The danger is that Syrian negotiations with Israel may now be deadlocked. Both sides know that only an Israeli concession over the Golan Heights will push things forward. But the Israeli public is not ready for a second sensational deal so soon; Mr Rabin has been deliberately cautious, playing to hardliners at home by accusing Syria of encouraging Hezbollah rejectionists in Lebanon and promising to take his time in negotiations. President Assad will be tempted to step up the pressure by giving tacit support to Palestinian rejectionists. And Syrian opposition would be decisive in preventing a Lebanese agreement with Israel and in inhibiting acceptance by other Arab countries.

President Assad will not limit his options, though, especially if he fears that his country could thereby be left out of any regional economic boost that may come from this week's agreements. Damascus can best be nudged towards flexibility in multilateral negotiations, already underway in the Madrid talks on economic and regional issues. The European Community's promise of revitalising its agreement with Israel could also set a powerful example, as Syria, in the midst of economic liberalisation, needs the same market access for which it might make political concessions. Traditional western diplomacy played little part in getting the deal with the PLO; it might be vital in consolidating the peace.

BRITAIN'S BOWL

How to beat both modern sniggerers and ancient investors

The Albert Hall is to announce a £20 million development plan today. It seems only yesterday since its last one. But although continual redevelopment should be built into any large building and institution, it is 20 years since the Albert Hall was restored for its centenary, and more than 30 years since it (almost) got rid of the echo which made it the only place in Britain where composers could be sure of hearing their works at least twice. Those inverted toadstools pendent from the ceiling may be after Magritte, but they do improve the sound.

It is easy to make fun of that great red inverted bowl at the south of Kensington Gardens. The architecture, based ovally on a Roman amphitheatre, is unusual and inconvenient — except for gladiators, who have not been tried there, so far. Sir Thomas Beecham said the Albert Hall could be used for a hundred things, but music was not one of them. The worthy embodiment of Victorian values of curiosity and self-improvement, illustrated by the high frieze of "The Triumph of Arts and Letters" around the outside wall, is considered excessive by sniggerers today. The catering and other accessories are squeezed in a corset by the shape, and much of the accommodation is as unfriendly to users as that of a third-division football ground. Many of the seats are usually empty, because of the way that they were originally sold as leasehold debentures for 999 years to finance the building.

And yet, the Albert Hall is London's temple of mass entertainment, where more than 7,000 can assemble for anything from tennis or dancing to more peculiar pursuits. In the Proms, it has the greatest musical festival in the world, and in the Remembrance Day service it stages a solemn national ritual. There is nowhere better for hearing Handel's *Messiah* just before Christmas. It can accommodate large groups or solitary persons for a mass communal event. London does not have so many extraordinary buildings of eccentricity and distinction that it can afford not to develop the Albert Hall continually.

To improve this great national symbol it must be possible to make its lavatories, bars, restaurants, booking-offices, passages to seats and other incidental arrangements less austere and scruffy. The recent popularisation of formerly elite arts, such as the Bolshoi ballet, will provide more opportunities of filling the bowl with new audiences. The Albert Memorial, remarkable antidote to conjugal virtue, is connected to the Hall by design; it is a national scandal that it stands opposite indefinitely wrapped in scaffolding and plastic.

The Albert Hall is driven continually to look for new mass roles to meet the changes of popular taste. Its latest metamorphosis will again confirm its establishment as popular national village hall, landmark and moving question mark.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Risk of an end to TV diversity

From the Shadow Heritage Secretary

Sir, The move towards more monopolistic control of television which Charles Allen applauds ("Small screen, grand vision", Media, September 8) threatens to destroy the existing regional and cultural diversity at the same time as it denies access and democratic control by the public.

The moratorium protecting the smaller ITV companies from takeovers runs out in under four months. Unless the government supports Labour's call for a simple one-clause bill to extend the moratorium, we shall see the disappearance of some, if not all, of the smaller companies, in much the same way as Tyne Tees Television has been stripped of any meaningful identity since its takeover by Yorkshire TV. That will mean less local news and fewer programmes of quality produced in the regions.

But the larger companies want to go even further, and the signs are that Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, is about to feed their voracious appetite. Giants like Granada and Carlton want him to change the law to allow the large companies to take over each other. Granada's chief executive, Gerry Robinson, is reported to believe that, within a fairly short period of that happening, instead of the existing 15, there would be just three or four companies left.

The deficiencies of the Broadcasting Act are already sufficient to disturb Ian Lang, David Mellor and Lord Whitelaw, and (who knows) even Lady Thatcher may be harbouring second thoughts about the wisdom of blind auctions to allocate licences if her tearful adieu to TV-am's Bruce Gyngell is anything to go by (report, October 18, 1991).

Mr Brooke has to decide whether to take heed of a growing chorus of criticism or to allow the amalgamation of ITV companies, which would undoubtedly spell the death of regional broadcasting. He knows that Labour is prepared to co-operate with the government to amend the Broadcasting Act and to extend the moratorium. I wrote to him to that effect on July 30. All those who work in the industry and who watch its programmes are eager to hear his reply.

Yours etc,
ANN CLWYD,
House of Commons.
September 10.

Safe distances

From Major I. H. G. Wilson, RE (retd)

Sir, In 1953 the pilots of 28 Squadron RAF in Sek Kong in the New Territories of Hong Kong asked me, the liaison officer and sapper, for a day out in the country to make bangs. We made a camouflet (a hole at the bottom of a shaft) near a paddy field and tipped plastic explosive into it, and the squadron commander pressed the button.

Large sods of earth went up and came thundering down a few yards from the seated pilots. There was applause, particularly for the exciting safety distance I had gauged. In truth I had misjudged the type of soil and should have doubled the distance.

The TV pictures of the demolition of the Glasgow tower block (report, September 13) indicated that the job was complicated and technically difficult and did not go to plan. In such circumstances the "safe distance" worked out has to be doubled.

Yours faithfully,
I. H. G. WILSON,
Kelly's House, Lewannick,
Launceston, Cornwall.
September 14.

Ordeal by water

From Mr G. F. DeC. Sizer

Sir, Lunching modestly in Addis Ababa in 1970 on a minor mission for the British government, my colleagues and I, forewarned not to drink tap water, ordered two bottles of "drinking water" (Professor Solt's letter, September 11). They arrived wearing impressive labels with illustrations of gold medals. Very reassuring.

Scrutiny of one label revealed that the two medals that were depicted were in fact the obverse and reverse of one medal, awarded to the bottlers at a grand exhibition in Paris in (I believe) 1875.

Yours nevertheless still alive,
GEOFF SIZER,
64 St Mary's Road,
Benfleet, Essex.
September 11.

Effects of performance-linked pay on the police service

From Mr Roland Moyle

Sir, The Police Federation would be foolish to accept the advice of Professor Paul Wiles ("An own goal for the police trade union", article, September 11) and produce counter-Sheehy proposals. This would immediately shift the focus of debate from Sheehy to the police proposals.

Fortunately, the federation is not likely to fall into that trap. The priority must be to set aside Sheehy's ideas on performance-related pay, so that we can all get down to consideration of the important problems of policing.

Between 1985 and 1991, as deputy chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, it was my job to supervise the investigation of many hundreds of complaints against the police, every one a vignette of policing in action. I read thousands of statements by policemen and members of the public, most of whom were dispassionate observers of the scene. Others were hostile to the police in respect of the incident under consideration, occasionally with good cause, and some appeared to me to be hostile to the police in general.

Almost all the cases involved a police mistake or a perception by someone that a mistake had been made. However, I cannot recall a single case where the police officers would have been more effective or sensitive had they been on performance-related pay.

I can think of many instances, on the other hand, where the inevitable tensions of policing at the sharp end would have been intensified, to nobody's advantage, if such a system had existed.

Even if it were possible to dissect policing and award an economic price to every task, there is a fundamental objection to performance-related pay. There is no general agreement on what is a policeman's job. It can range from restoring a lost child to a distraught parent to tackling an armed robbery. Some tasks are directed by statute, others by humanity or a desire to build up good relations with the public.

Sheehy was not asked to address that question. Until it is addressed and answered, the problem of performance-related pay cannot begin to be addressed successfully.

Yours faithfully,
ROLAND MOYLE,
19 Montpelier Row, Blackheath, SE3.
September 14.

From the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire

Sir, I have to take issue with Professor Paul Wiles's suggestion that the Association of Chief Police Officers is expressing "outright opposition" to the report of the Sheehy enquiry, and has offered "no coherent response".

It is true that the association has expressed concern about the implications of certain of the recommendations — e.g., the proposed pension changes and the matrix for determining an individual officer's pay. But we welcome the underlying thrust of much of the report, which we believe is supportive of and complementary to our ongoing and substantial programme of self-generated reform.

The association has offered "no coherent response" so far for the simple reason that the home secretary's period of consultation on the report does not finish until the end of this month — a period which the association is putting to good use by developing a considered response to the report's recommendations, including proposals for constructive alternatives to those parts of it with which we take issue. We shall be submitting these to the home secretary shortly.

Yours faithfully,
B. H. SKITT
(Chairman, Personnel and Training Committee, Association of Chief Police Officers),
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Stanborough Road,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
September 14.

From Mr Nigel J. Hill

Sir, Professor Wiles asserts: "If the police wish to regain public support, they must demonstrate why the Sheehy reorganisation would make their job of crime prevention and detection more difficult . . ."

Before three out of nine ranks are abolished and the police service is exposed to fixed-term appointments and performance-related pay, it might be more appropriate if Professor Wiles would demonstrate how it would make their job easier.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL HILL,
32 Colebrooke Avenue, Ealing, W13.
September 14.

From Chief Superintendent J. Urquhart

Sir, Professor Eric Caines ("Call the police to account", Public Management, September 9) argues that the police service is unaccountable and performs poorly. Moreover, he accuses the service of blackmailing the public over pay increases, and of being derisive of government.

The professor is, of course, welcome to his beliefs, which are certainly not sympathetic to the police. It is profoundly to be regretted that he was also one of the authors of the Sheehy report on police responsibilities and rewards.

The Sheehy enquiry was a golden opportunity to look constructively at the police service, in the context of its central role in society, and to make prudent recommendations on how the service could better meet its obligations to the communities it services. That opportunity has been lost: instead we have a report that is long on conjecture and short on evidence — a report full of ideas, but with few sensible and realistic recommendations.

The police service performs a pivotal role in society. It cannot be managed in the same way as a department store — as the report believes it can. That way lies a rocky path, down which the police service and the public would tread at their peril.

Yours faithfully,
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(Honorary Secretary),
Association of Scottish Police Superintendents,
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September 10.

Environment standard

From Dr David Hunt

Sir, Margot Norman ("And now, son of BS5750", September 10) raises criticisms of the environmental management systems (EMS) standard, BS7750. I am a member of the environmental consultancy selected to help the responsible British Standards Institution committee to draft and develop the standard. Ms Norman contrasted BS7750 unfavourably with the EC regulation for the eco-management and audit scheme (EMA), but ignored the regulation's inclusion verbatim of much of the technical content of the standard, as an EMA requirement!

This inclusion represented a recognition that environmental audits, like other audits, are most effective when the necessary management and information systems are in place, and that BS7750 provides a sound model for such systems.

The regulation's change of name from "eco-audit" to "eco-management and audit" is significant. The regulation also states that companies certified to accepted EMS standards by accredited bodies will meet the relevant EMA requirements.

The article linked the applicability of BS7750 to local authorities with their potential use of it to select tenderers, but EMA could be similarly used.

BS7750 was produced by a committee on which many industry sectors and other organisations, including regulators and professional bodies, were represented. It also received wide public consultation before publication in 1992. Improvements have resulted, but the basic EMS model has proved robust and has been well received by many companies.

It is unfortunate that the article should cloud a key issue: the nature of the certification process. The standard requires audits to assess both the inherent suitability of the EMS to the activities of the organisation and its effectiveness in producing the desired results. These requirements are essential to credible certification, and we do agree with Ms Norman on the importance of that.

Yours faithfully,
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(Senior Consultant), WRc alert,
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Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Wine bargain

From Mr A. C. England

Sir, If Miss Cranston (letter, September 11) will be kind enough to point me in the direction of any continental wine merchant able to supply his wares at 100 per cent less than the same wine in the UK as she claims, I will happily pile into my car, go and load it to the gunwales and, on my way home, deliver to her, absolutely free, 50 per cent of my load.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
A. C. ENGLAND,
25 The Green,
Charlbury, Oxfordshire.
September 11.

From Mrs G. V. Sowerby

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Please, put a cork in it", September 4) gives examples of pretentious descriptions of flavour. I like wine to taste of grapes. Is this unusual?

Yours sincerely,
STEPHANIE SOWERBY,
Rippleway, The Lendings,
Barnard Castle, Co Durham.
September 4.

Demands on teachers

From Mr Jonathan Smith

Sir, There is something cavalier and irritating about the headmaster of Mill Hill School's description (letter, September 10) of teaching bright pupils — "you simply stand up and throw ideas around and they respond" — almost as irritating, I find, as his silk purses/sows' ears analogy.

To acknowledge the fine achievements of those who teach the less able does not mean you need to denigrate those who inspire and motivate the very gifted. The demands on teachers to do well at all levels are equally great and equally important. If that were not the case, why is there such national anxiety about it?

Many able pupils I have taught (who are often much abler than their teachers) are rightly suspicious of the self-confident amateur who comes in to "throw his ideas around". My fear is that the first thing that could be thrown around is the teacher.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN SMITH
(Head of Humanities),
Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent.

Thrushes a-plenty

From Mr J. T. Cockburn

Sir, Your nature correspondent Derwent May states (article, September 8) that the song thrush has been knocked off the British Trust for Ornithology list of the 12 commonest British birds and left in 13th place. I can only conclude that my garden must be different from the rest of the country.

Here the starlings swoop down at a regular time of day and devour anything available and then fly off to look for more. The song thrush, blackbird and robin can be seen in the garden at almost any time of the day, patiently and diligently searching for food.

The thrush may not be as bold as the blackbird, but as the worms in my garden appear to be truly benevolent and not at present burrowing beneath the thrushes' reach, the blackbird, robin and thrush are having no difficulty in finding them.

Yours sincerely,
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Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Value of chess

From Mr Leon Arden

Sir, I am puzzled as to why George Steiner, in the *Times* Essay (September 6), says chess "in moral, social and economic terms . . . is totally trivial". Surely no more than classical music. They both have a developing history that can be studied in libraries in volumes of bound notations, can be played privately, witnessed in public, earn millions and give pleasure through the centuries, as games played by Labourdonnais and MacDonnell (contemporaries of Beethoven) still do today.

Each chess encounter is a story. Many, alas, are cautionary tales.

Sincerely,
LEON ARDEN,
26b Shepherds Hill, N6.

Sir, I refer . . .

From Mr Andrew Dow

Sir, Mr L. A. Yeats asks whether other readers are as addicted to reference books as he is — and, if so, which (letter, September 11). As an addict myself, may I point out that all good reference books contain precisely what one wants to know, but it is never to be found. Opened at any page, they provide instant distraction, and four or five cross-references later one has quite forgotten the reason for taking the book from the shelf. Later, when the original enquiry is recalled, the same process is repeated.

The hallmark of a truly great reference book is that this second failure is encountered without any sense of frustration whatsoever.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW DOW,
Manor Farm, Intake Road,
Bubwith, York.

From Mr Donald Rich

Sir, *Wisden*, any year.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD RICH,
Beacons, Northbrook Avenue,
Winchester, Hampshire.

Value of radiotherapy

From Dr Piers N. Plowman

Sir, Some of Miss Brennan's doubts over the value of radiotherapy (letter, September 14) require clarification. Radiotherapy has been unequivocally demonstrated to reduce the risk of local relapse after mastectomy for breast cancer and to render breast-conserving surgery as safe as mastectomy for patients with certain types of breast cancer. The cosmetic results are usually excellent.

These facts, demonstrated by large clinical studies, are unarguably correct.

The long-term survival benefit of avoiding a relapse in a conserved breast (lumpectomy patients) is not yet known: formal breast conservation trials are only ten-plus years old and the risk of relapse for this disease extends to 20 years or more.

I imagine Miss Brennan's point is that among the survivors of breast cancer in her group, Rage, there are patients whose radiotherapy prescriptions may have been more likely to cause the complications she cites. It is now well appreciated that small numbers of large treatment doses will predispose patients to these problems.

As a separate but relevant point the new NHS market forces are pressurising British therapists to treat patients in fewer radiotherapy sessions. Departments such as my own are being exemplified as unduly labour-intensive and expensive because the average number of treatments per patient exceeds some conveniently inexpensive alleged "norm".

If Miss Brennan's group brings into the public domain the need for adequately resourced radiotherapy departments within the NHS it will have performed a useful service, reassuring rather than alarming future patients.

Yours faithfully,
P. N. PLOWMAN
(Director),
Department of Radiotherapy,
St Bartholomew's Hospital, EC1.
September 14.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 15: The Queen was represented by the Lady Farnham (Lady of the Bedchamber) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mrs Susan Varah (formerly Central President of the Mothers' Union) which was held in Southwark Cathedral this morning.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 15: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning attended the Twenty First Birthday Celebrations of the Willoughby Group at Manor Farm, Willoughby, Near Alford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Captain Sir Henry Nevile).

Her Royal Highness later visited the Viking Gas Terminal, Mablethorpe Road, Theddlethorpe.

The Princess Royal, this afternoon opened North Somercotes CE Primary School, Warren Road, North Somercotes.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Hill House Nursing Home and Equestrian Centre, Sand Lane, Osgodby.

The Princess Royal later opened Phase Two Development, Lincoln County Hospital, Greetwell Road, Lincoln.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, XXXth Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association/European Renal Association and the XXIInd Annual Conference of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association, this evening attended the Opening Ceremony of the Conference at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, and was received by Councillor Patrick Lally (Deputy Lieutenant of Glasgow).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 15: The Prince of Wales this evening received the President of the Itochu Corporation (Mr Minoru Murofushi).

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 15: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Royal Ulster Constabulary Benevolent Fund, this morning presided at the Investiture of Queen's Police Medals and Bravery Awards at Hillsborough Castle, County Down, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

Her Royal Highness later opened the Somme Hospital, Circular Road, Belfast, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Belfast (Colonel J. Elliott Wilson).

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Comgall House, Glencraig Community, County Down.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Royal Ulster Constabulary Training Centre, Garnerville, Belfast, and later attended a Reception at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, County Down, as Patron, the Royal Group of Hospitals. Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend the launch of the RSPB's Time and Pine policy document at Craigendarroch Hotel and Country Club, Ballater, at 12.15.

The Princess of Wales will open Images of Drugs in Southwark: 93, an exhibition of local people's artwork, at the Beormund Community Centre, 177 Abbey Street, SE1, at 11.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Citizens Advice Scotland, will open the second day of the conference at Strathclyde University at 9.30; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Falmer Jeans at the Caponacre Industrial Estate, Cairn Road, Cumnock, Ayrshire, at 11.30; and will attend the Western Meeting at Ayr racecourse at 12.45.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, will open Netherbyres, Eyemouth, Berwickshire, at 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of Counsel and Care, will attend a reception at the Knapp Gallery, Regent's College, NW1, at 7.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, will attend the Britannia Assurance championship, Surrey v Yorkshire cricket match, at the Oval at 1.20.

Memorial service

Mrs Susan Varah
The Queen was represented by Lady Farnham at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Susan Varah held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. Canon Roy White, Vice-Provost of Southwark, officiated.

Mrs Rachel Nugee and Mrs Hazel Treadgold read the lessons and Mrs Pat Harris, Central President of the Mothers' Union, gave an address. The Right Rev John Waller led the prayers and the Very Rev Dr David Edwards, Provost of Southwark, pronounced the blessing. Others present included:
The Rev Chad Varah (husband); Mrs Jennifer Owen and Mrs Rosalind Smith (vice-presidents, Mothers' Union) with Mrs Ann Barrett (provincial president, Ireland) and Mrs Barbara Brice (president, Diocese of Brisbane).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry V, reigned 1413-22, Monmouth, 1387; Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, Pusztanurpaszto, Hungary, 1893.

DEATHS: Tomás de Torquemada, Head of the Holy Office of the Inquisition, Avila, Spain, 1498; Edward Whymper, mountaineer and wood engraver, Chamonix, 1911; Maria Callas, soprano, Paris, 1977; Marc Bolan, rock musician, Barnes Common, London, 1977.

Birthdays today



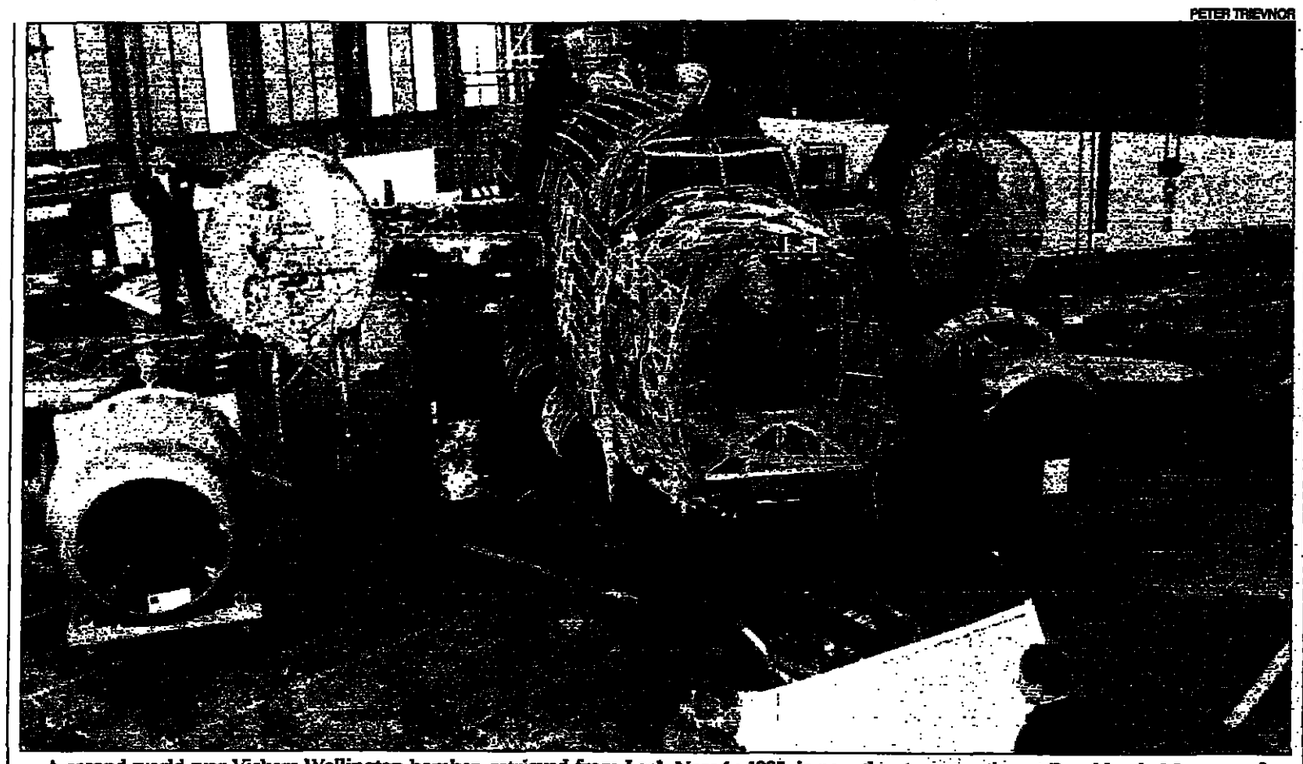
Lauren Bacall, the actress, is 69 today

Lord Brassey of Apethorpe, 61; Mr Tommy Carberry, jockey, 52; Lord Grimthorpe, 78; Mr Loyd Grossman, broadcaster, 43; Mr Charles Haughey, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 68; Lord Henderson of Brompton, 71; Mr Ian Horsbrugh, principal, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 52; Mr Andy Irvine, rugby player, 42; the Very Rev W.B. Johnston, former Chaplain to The Queen in Scotland, 72; Mr B.B. King, guitarist and singer, 68; Mr Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore, 70; Sir John Megaw, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 84; Mr Robin Morgan, former editor, *Sunday Express*, 40; Sir John Page, former MP, 74; Baroness Pike, 75; Dame Sheila Quinn, former nursing adviser, British Red Cross Society, 73; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, 77; Mrs Steve Shirley, founder, F International Group, 60; Professor Lord Walton of Detchant, 71.

Latest wills

Latest wills include (net before tax):
Mr Richard Geoffrey Clemo, of Menacuddle, St Austell, Cornwall ..... £1,277,040.
Mrs Joan Beattie, of Perton, Staffordshire ..... £1,871,332.

PETER TRIEVNOR



A second world war Vickers Wellington bomber, retrieved from Loch Ness in 1985, is now the star attraction at Brooklands Museum of Aviation and Motorsport, Weybridge, Surrey, where the Royal Aeronautical Society held its garden party. Thirty to forty volunteers work regularly on the plane which should be back in flying order in two years, if the museum can attract more sponsors to complete the job

School news

St George's School, Ascot
Boarders returned to St George's School, Ascot, for the Autumn Term on September 7 with Natalie Johnston as Head of School. Old Girls' Day is on September 18. Open Day for prospective parents is Friday, October 22 followed by Half Term until October 31. Confirmation will be held in the School Chapel on Saturday, November 13 conducted by the Bishop of Reading. Term ends after the Carol Service on December 18.

St Leonards and St Katharines Schools
The Autumn Term began on Tuesday, September 7. The Sixth Form Lecture programme for the new session began on the first day of term with an address by Mr Timothy Clifford, Director of the National Galleries of Scotland, the staff having been addressed on the previous day by Ms Kathleen Tattersall, Chief Executive of the NEA and Chairman of the Examination Board Secretaries on the subjects of GCSE and the National Curriculum. Poetry Week begins on October 4. The Jull Music Competition takes place on October 22 after which girls will leave for half-term. There are Open Days on Tuesday, October 5 (St Leonards) and Wednesday, October 20 (St Katharines). 1994 will be St Katharines Centenary. Seniors wishing to be invited are asked to make themselves known to Mr and Mrs Bayley, the Joint Heads. Entrance Scholarships take place on Saturday, November 6. This includes entry into the St Leonards Sixth Form. Entrance Scholarships for this session have been awarded to: Julia Skorupska (St Katharines); Pippa Spencer-Nairn (Croftinloan); Jessica Abbott (Butterstone); Iona Miller (Westonbirt) and Gail Andrews (Butterstone). A Scholarship has been awarded to Katie Skorupska (St Leonards) and sixth form scholarships to Jocelyn Andrews and Jane Cornwell (St Leonards). Head Girl of St Leonards this session is Katie Halsey and Captain of School is Alice Galbraith. Mr Patrick Broadhurst is newly in post as Bursar and Secretary to Council. Term ends on December 15 with a Carol Service in Holy Trinity Church (St Leonards) and St Salvators (St Katharines).

Piping

Players keep up high standards despite dispute over judging

BY ANGUS NICOL

FOR a year and more the piping world has been split into two unequal factions. On one side stand the Association of Piping Adjudicators (APA) and the Competing Pipers' Association (CPA). Unwillingly placed on the other side, since the factions are in nobody's best interests, are the organisers of events, principally the Argyllshire Gathering, the Northern Meeting, Cowall, Skye, and the Scottish Piping Society of London.

The APA was formed for the laudable purpose of maintaining standards of both piping and judging. A number of eminent piping judges joined it, and a number did not. The latter were joined by some who resigned from the APA, for a number of reasons, among them the APA's insistence that no APA judge would sit with any non-APA judge.

When it became clear that the organisers of the principal piping events would not comply with that rule, the CPA imposed a boycott of all those events at which APA members were not adjudicating. The sad result has been that APA members have not, for two years now, been judging at these events, since the rule is in practice unworkable.

The Argyllshire Gathering and Northern Meeting are now over for this year. On the whole, the boycott had little effect. At each event, there were two full days of excellent piping, of a standard as high as has been heard at either event for many years. Certainly, entries were somewhat fewer than in previous years, but this was largely due to causes other than the boycott.

The reduction of entries was noticeable in the more senior events. But in the Senior Piobaireachd at Oban and Clasp at Inverness a number of those eligible did not enter because they did not wish, or had not the time, to learn the four twentieth century tunes required. There were many pipers who entered in defiance of the boycott.

Fourteen pipers competed for the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal. It was won by Bruce Woodley, with a faultless performance of the Lament for Colin Roy MacKenzie. Second place was taken by Corporal Gordon Walker whose musical performance of the Lament for MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart No. 2 was marred by a mistake in the last bar of the crunluath a mach. A more serious mistake in the last line of the Lament for the Departure of King James, in what was otherwise a fine tune, left Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies in fifth place. Michael Grey, playing Beloved Scotland, took third prize, and Stuart Shelden, who played the Prince's Salute, fourth.

These decisions seem to show a welcome development that judges now do not always rigidly apply the "rule" that a single mistake in an otherwise good and musical performance will rob the piper of any prize.

The Silver Medal attracted an entry of 16, and was won by Sergeant Niall Matheson, with Sir James MacDonald of the Isles's Lament. The march competitions were well attended: 20 in the A grade, and 23 in the B grade. The A was won by Donald MacPhee, and the B by Allan Russell.

The first day ended with the March, Strathspey and reel competition, for former winners of the individual march and Strathspey and reel events. This was a very high quality event; although only seven played the competition was extremely high. First prize went to Corporal Gordon Walker, with Angus MacColl in second place.

First day's results
Highland Society of London's Gold Medal: 1. Bruce Woodley; 2. Cpl. Gordon Walker; 3. Michael Grey (Beloved Scotland); 4. Stuart Shedden (The Prince's Salute); 5. P/M Alasdair Gillies (Lament for the Departure of King James). Judges: Malcolm MacRae, Capt. Andrew Pitkeathly, Norman Matheson.
Silver Medal: 1. Sgt. Niall Matheson; 2. Sgt. Michael Elder (Clan Campbell's Gathering); 3. Marion MacVean (Sir James MacDonaldo of the Isles's Lament); 4. Duncan Watson (Clan Campbell's Gathering); 5. Seumas Coyne (The Carles with the Breeks). Judges: Seumas MacNeill, William MacDonald (Benbecula), Dr. Jack Taylor.
March A: 1. Donald MacPhee; 2. Angus MacColl; 3. Cpl. Donald MacIntyre; 4. James Murray.
March B: 1. Allan Russell; 2. Douglas Murray; 3. Colin Clancy; 4. William Geddes. Judges: (A and B): P/M Ronald Lawrie, P/M Andrew Venters, Neil Mulvie.
March, Strathspey and Reel: 1. Cpl Gordon Walker; 2. Angus MacColl; 3. P/M Alasdair Gillies; 4. William Livingstone. Judges: Ronald Morrison, James Young, P/M Angus MacLellan.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

On Tuesday, September 14, 1993, The Royal College of Surgeons of England held a meeting to celebrate the life and work of John Hunter, the founder of scientific surgery, who died in 1793. The events included a Convocation, a Service of Thanksgiving at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, with a wreath being laid on John Hunter's tomb in Westminster Abbey, a Scientific Meeting, and the Hunterian Oration delivered by Professor Miles Irving, MD, ChM, FRCS.

The day ended with a Banquet at which the Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster was the chief guest. The speeches were given by Professor Norman Browse, MD, PRCS (President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England), Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, PRS (President of the Royal Society), Sir Rodney Sweetnam, KCVO, CBE, FRCS (Vice-President of The Royal College of Surgeons of England) and Mr David E. Theile, FRACS (President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons). Other guests attending included present and past members of the College Council, members of the Court of Patrons of the College, Hunterian Trustees, Presidents and other office bearers of sister Colleges, Surgical Specialist Associations and other medical institutions and other friends of the College.

Museum plants new ideas on history

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE role of plants in the creation of European colonial empires, the slave-owning society of America's Deep South and the modern contraceptive pill is explored in a new permanent exhibition that opened at the Natural History Museum in London yesterday.

The exhibition uses striking photographic collages to look at the sometimes surprising ways in which eighteen crops, trees and flowers have shaped human history and culture.

Visitors will learn how the cinchona tree, a native of South America, helped 19th century European nations to establish their sway over a quarter of the Earth's land surface. Quinine, the main naturally occurring cure for malaria, is derived from the bark of the tree.

Britain and the Netherlands began farming cinchona trees commercially around 1850. Up to the 1830s nearly half the European troops on the West African coast died each year, mostly from malaria. By the 1890s every soldier and administrator was protected with a free daily dose of quinine.

Without the humble yam, the sexual revolution of the 1960s might never have occurred. In 1942 an American scientist extracted diosgenin from yams and converted it into progesterone, the female hormone that controls fertility. The first progesterone-based contraceptive pill became available 15 years later.

Collectors of interesting historical facts can also learn that cotton, produced with cheap black slave labour, earned more than all America's other exports combined at the outbreak of the civil war in 1861, and that the British drink a fifth of world tea exports, dousing 96 million tea bags in boiling water every day.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.K. Buxton
and Miss L.E. Regan
The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Professor and Mrs Neil Buxton, of Harpenden, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Regan, of Sevenoaks.

Mr G.S. Carr
and Miss S.J.S. Durrant
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Carr, of Grappenhall, Cheshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr Raymond Durrant, of St Albans, Hertfordshire and the late Mrs Gillian Booth.

Mr M.J. Cleghorn
and Miss S.M. Pringle
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Cleghorn, of Dundee, and Susan, daughter of Mr Robin Pringle, and the late Mrs Pringle, of Dunfermline.

Mr B.J. Freeth
and Miss L.S. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Zach Freeth, of Borden, Kent, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mike Campbell, of Chegutu, Zimbabwe.

Mr G. de Graaff
and Jonkvrouwe D.E. van Vredenburch
The engagement is announced between Gerard, only son of Major and Mrs P.A.R. de Graaff, of Breda, The Netherlands, and Dorothee, only daughter of Jonkheer C.L.H. van Vredenburch, of Barton Mills, Suffolk, and Mrs J.C. van Vredenburch, of Temple, Scotland.

Mr S.J. Hashim
and Miss S.J. Eldridge
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Hashim, of Alderton, Gloucestershire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Eldridge, of Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.W.A. Kitcatt
and Miss V.L.P. Bishop
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Sir Peter and Lady Kitcatt, of South Croydon, and Victoria, daughter of Dr A.D.T. Milne, of Farnham Common, and Mr Phil Bishop, of Brinton, Norfolk.

Mr G.E. Peppiatt
and Miss K.C. Innes
The engagement is announced between Giles Ernest, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Peppiatt, of Ford, Buckinghamshire, and Katherine Candida, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Colin Innes, of East Saltoun, East Lothian.

Marriages

Mr H.J. Paget
and Mrs M.E. Varvill
The marriage took place in London on September 8, between Henry, only son of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, and Margrete, daughter of the late Mr Halfdan Lynner and of Mrs Jytte Lynner.

Mr T.C. Foulsham
and Miss S.M. Postgate
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 4, 1993, in Brighton, of Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Foulsham, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs John Postgate.

Mr T.L. Kirkup
and Miss S.J. Hillier
The marriage took place on Monday, August 23, 1993, in New Orleans, USA, of Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Norman Kirkup, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith Hillier, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire. His Honour Judge Dominic C. Grieshaber officiated.

Butchers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Butchers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr Hyman Arnold; Wardens, Mr Roy Edward Seeman, Mr John Michael Stone, Mr Michael Rudolf Katz, Mr George Culpin Adams, Mr Roger Moore.

Dinner

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were the hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall.

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For I reckon that the sufferings we now endure bear no comparison with the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is in store for us.
Romans 8:18

BIRTHS

BINKS - On September 12th to Nicholas and Sara (née Braham) a son, Joshua Nicholas

CAMPBELL - On Monday 13th September at Ridgeware Hospital, Inverness, James and Liz (née Mackay) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their twin daughters, Rebecca Ruth and Sara Joanna, sisters for James Peter, Michael and Emma.

CHORNÉ WILSON - On Sunday 12th September at Queen Charlotte's, London to Catherine (née Horsman) and Douglas, a wonderful son, Alastair Ranulf.

FARRAR - On September 10th to Barbara (née Robinson) and Christian Marc, a precious daughter Katherine. Greatful thanks to all at Leeds Infirmary.

LINDSAY - On September 9th, 1993, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Julie and Ivan, a son.

MOFFAT - On 12th September, to Stacy and Tracy, a son, Robert Charles, a brother for James.

MOSS - On August 29th, to Patricia (née Hoare) and Alexander, a son Toby Alasdair Henry a brother for Charles.

NORDINGAN - On September 12th, at The Wellington Hospital to Jane and Vago a beautiful son Max, a brother for Chloe.

PETHERICK - On September 12th to Speronella and Martin, a daughter, Lily Laura.

THORNHILL - On September 10th, in Taunton, to Susie (née Paget) and Simon, a daughter, Fiona, a sister for Catherine.

DEATHS

BELMONT-MAITLAND - Norman Roy, died peacefully on Tuesday 14th September. Much loved husband of Denise, father to Norma, Madeleine, Jeremy and David. Already missed by his loving family and friends. Private family funeral. No flowers, donations to Star & Garter Homes.

BRAY - On 12th September at Alasdale Nursing Home after a long illness. Charles, aged 95, cricketer and journalist. Much loved husband of Marjorie and father of Betty and John.

BRODIE - Angus, Captain M.N., On 11th September 1993 suddenly in hospital in Caracas of Conjunta Residencial, La Floresta, Caracas, Venezuela, a Marine investigator with Clyde & Co, Caracas, aged 50 years. Dearly loved husband of Sylvia and beloved father of Pamela. He will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and colleagues. Funeral Service takes place on Monday September 20th, 1993 at St. Ffraids Church, Glan Conwy, North Wales at 1.30 pm, followed by interment at Holyhead. Family flowers only but donations, if so desired please, to St. Barts Hospital ICU, c/o A. C. Lambert & Son, FD, 69 Conway Road, Llandudno Junc. Gwynedd. Tel: 0492 581072.

CORNER - On September 13th 1993, Joan Charlesworth, aged 70 years. Wife of Lt. Col. D.R. Corner, mother of Michael and Nicky and grandmother of Oliver and Giles. Funeral Service at St Laurence's Church, Alfpoddle, on Wednesday September 22nd at 2.30 pm. Flowers or if preferred donations for R.N.L.I. c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset. Tel: (0305) 262338.

DAVIES - On 14th September 1993, at her home in Worcestershire, Esther Mary Elvira (Tiga), wife of the late Canon Gideon Davies and very much loved and greatly missed mother of Mary and Peter, darling grandmother of Guy, Mark, Richard, Josephine and Alexandra. A dear sister, aunt, mother in law and friend. A private funeral will be held in the village of her birth and childhood in Wales.

DE TRAFFORD - On 15th September peacefully at home Katherine, much loved widow of Sir Rudolph de Trafford Bt. Stepmother of Sir Dermot De Trafford Bt. and aunt of Mrs Nancy Hurd and Mrs Cynthia Botsford. Funeral arrangements to be announced. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 67 Saffron Hill, London EC1N 8RS.

FOOT - Christopher R. peacefully in his 71st year in Paris on September 12th after a long illness borne with courage and dignity. Private Interment on Thursday 16th September. No flowers please.

FOSSEL - On September 14th, peacefully at home, after a huge struggle with cancer, Theo. Loved husband of Linda and father of Simon and Victoria. Funeral Service will take place at St Marys Church, Beaconsfield, on Thursday 23rd September at 12.30 pm followed by Cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home or Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o H C Grinstead Ltd 0494 672666.

GRAHAM - On September 14th 1993 after a long illness Michael Graham D.F.C., aged 71 years. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church on Paddington Green Tuesday September 21st at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Michael hopes that in lieu of flowers donations could be sent to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont St, London W1 if desired.

HEYWOOD - On September 14th 1993 Charles Philip M.D. aged 78 years survived by his wife, children and grandchildren. Cremation private. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Cancer Trust, The Princess Royal Hospital, Salthouse Rd, Hull would be appreciated.

HOSKING - Morgan. On Tuesday September 14th, peacefully at Polzeath Hospital. Freeman of the Borough of Penzance and Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd, much loved uncle of Trevor, Margaret and Ken. The Funeral will take place at the Trinity Chapel, Newlyn on Monday September 20th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Paul Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired for R.N.L.I., R.S.P.C.A. or Polzeath Hospital may be sent to R.D. Burroughs, Funeral Director, 10 Fevercil Road, Penzance, also there will be a plate at the chapel. Friends please meet at the chapel.

LAMBERT - On 13th September in hospital after a long illness. Andrew Charles Lambert aged 51 years of Haslemere, Surrey. Funeral at East Worldham Church on Monday 20th September at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but in his memory donations to The National Hospital Development Foundation, c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High St., Alton, Hants.

LARSEN - David William (Jack) on 14th September, peacefully, in Colman Hospital, Norwich. Much loved husband of Betty and father of Gillian and David. Funeral at Norwich Crematorium, Horsham St. Faith at 2.30 pm on Monday 20th September. No flowers, donations to Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Colman Hospital, Norwich.

LITTLEJOHN - In hospital in Bermuda on 14th September Fredrick Charles Jack (late of Bank of Bermuda). A much loved husband and father.

MILTON - On 14th September 1993 peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital, Lady Iris Avreil Milton, aged 78 years of Hewish near Crewkerne. Funeral Service will take place at Veovil Crematorium on Monday 20th September at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Cancer Research c/o A J Walsby & Sons, Chapel House, Hermitage Street, Crewkerne. Tel: 0460 74547.

MOORE - On September 13th 1993 Alan Hottwaith peacefully at home, aged 76 years of Pant, Oswestry. Beloved husband of Evelyn. Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Wednesday September 22nd at 2.40 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the National Diabetic Association. Enquiries to David Davies & Sons 0691 653116.

PEATTIE - David Maxwell of Loosley Row, Buckinghamshire, husband of Jeanette, and father of Martin and Andrew, and of Antheny, Alexander and Sebastian. Died suddenly in France on September 3rd, 1993, aged 68 years. Funeral Service 3.30 pm Monday September 20th at the Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Florence Nightingale Hospice, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks.

POSTON - Robert Charles, Priest, aged 81, on Monday 13th September, peacefully in hospital after some months of illness. Devoted servant of Christ. Much loved husband of Marjorie, father of Robin, Rosemary and Lucilla, and dear grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk on Thursday September 23rd at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Christian Aid, P.O.Box 100, London SE1 7RT.

RADCLIFFE - Maud passed away peacefully at St. Julian's Nursing Home, Wimbledon (previously at 61 Onslow Square, SW7) shortly before her 91st birthday. Beloved mother, grandmother, sister, cousin and friend of many. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church Brompton (behind Brompton Oratory), Brompton Road, London SW7 at 3 pm on Tuesday, September 21st. Private cremation at Putney Vale at 4.45 pm. If so desired, flowers to Frederick W. Paines, Funeral Directors, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, London SW20 by 10 am on Tuesday or donations to Friends of the Elderly, 42 Ebury St., London SW1W 0LZ.

STODDART - On 15th September peacefully in his sleep at his parents' home; when on holiday from France. Graham Vincent, aged 50. Beloved son of Frank and Barbara, father of Robert, Douglas and Magali and much loved by Marie Noese. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Funtington, at 10.45 am on Monday, 20th September followed by Committal at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, PO Box 177, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TQ.

TRENAMNE - Suddenly on 14th September at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, Stuart aged 47 years, loving husband of Cynthia and father of Tudor and Myles. Eldest son of Jim and Alan and brother of Ian and Jennet. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Woodhall Spa at 1.45 pm on Monday 20th September, followed by cremation at Lincoln at 3.10 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Doctor Nymans Heart and Lung Fund, Pilgrim Hospital to the Funeral Director John Sivill, 86 High Street, Coningsby, Lincoln, Tel: 0526 342243.

TUCK - On 10th September 1993, in Malta after a short illness, Colonel Alasdair Arthur Noel Tuck, Late 10th Royal Hussars (PWO). Father of Patrick and Nicholas, Father-in-law of Jane, and Grandfather of Annabel, Emma and Wade. The funeral took place in Malta on Sunday 12th September.

WOLF - On September 14th, after a long illness, Rebecca, dearly loved wife of Edmund, mother of Martin and Daniel, and grandmother of Jonathan, Benjamin, Sarah, Katharine, Rachel and David. Funeral Service at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London, NW11 at 11.30 am on Sunday, 19th September. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the N.S.P.C.C.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DALY - Bishop John. A Thanksgiving Eucharist will take place at All Hallows by The Tower, London EC3 on Friday 29th October at 12.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

IVENS - Charles Alastair Hardy (Carl) of Cley. Service of Thanksgiving at Cley Church October 13th at 2 pm

MORRICE - A Memorial Service is to be held for Anastasios M. Nomikos at 17.00 on Thursday 7th October 1993 at The Greek Cathedral of Aghia Sophia, Moscow Road, London W2 4LQ. No flowers please. Donations in lieu to the Hellenic College of London.

SLADE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Francis Slade will be held at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward St, EC3 on Wednesday October 6th 1993 at 11.30am.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BONAVIA - David Michael: In loving memory of my husband who died 16th September, 1988. Always in my life. Judy.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS BRODIE

Major-General Thomas Brodie, CB, CBE, DSO, who commanded Britain's 29 Infantry Brigade in the Korean war, died on September 1 aged 89. He was born on October 20, 1903.



TOM BRODIE won his DSO on the Imjin River, that battle of the Korean War in which the "Glorious Glosters" won their sobriquet. No single confrontation since Rorke's Drift so seized the imagination of the British public, as that which raged along the swiftly flowing Imjin during the Chinese spring offensive in April 1951. Perhaps no battle in the history of the British Army has seen British troops inflict such grievous losses on a numerically superior enemy as 29 Brigade's stand at Imjin did.

True, there was a price for the brigade. To enable the rest of its battalions to withdraw in the face of odds of 20-1 Colonel Carne and his 1st Gloucesters had to fight to the bitter end and the survivors passed into captivity in conditions of the utmost rigour which they endured for 19 months. But it is estimated that of the 60,000 Chinese who attacked the brigade's positions, 10,000 were left dead on the battlefield. As a result the Chinese spring offensive was brought to a halt. The communist leadership's hopes of spending May Day in the South Korean capital were utterly dashed.

Brodie's most bitter decision during the battle was the wireless message he had to send to Carne, telling him that the Gloucesters were expendable and that the other elements of his force — the Royal Ulster Rifles, the Northumberland Fusiliers, the 8th Hussars and the Belgian battalion — would have to withdraw to safety from their support positions on the flank. Carne understood. Between him and Brodie subsisted an absolute respect.

The citation to Brodie's DSO paid tribute to his "conspicuous courage and tenacious leadership" and said he was "an inspiration to his officers and enlisted men" as he strode among his troops during critical periods of the fighting. The Americans were equally generous in their comments in awarding him their Silver Star for gallantry, a medal which roughly equates to the MC, and in appointing him to the US Legion of Merit.

Brodie was a character who knew how to establish his presence in the brigade and sensed how best to contribute to morale. This capacity to cheer the troops was sometimes involuntary, as when, visiting the Royal Ulster Rifles unannounced, he and his helicopter nearly demolished the officers' latrines, to the great delight of the enlisted men. When the troopships carrying 29 Brigade had sailed for Korea late in 1950 it seemed that the war would soon be over. Brodie made sure he had his polo sticks with him and drew up plans for acquiring the necessary ponies on arrival. He was also once quoted by the press as wryly complaining that the fighting had forced him to cancel a planned tiger shoot.

However he was no Colonel Blimp. These minor eccentricities were underpinned by a shrewd tactical brain. As soon as 29 Brigade disembarked in Korea it was clear that the whole character of the war had changed. The Chinese were massing for a major offensive. Polo and other sporting frolics were off the agenda.

One of Brodie's first and wisest actions was to issue orders abolishing executions in his area, thus ending the practice indulged in by vengeful South Koreans of summarily shooting those suspected of collaborating with the North.

He had served with General Orde Wingate, commanding 14th Infantry Brigade with the Chindits in Burma in 1944, where again he attracted attention by riding around on horseback.

In Palestine in 1947-48, commanding 51 Lorried Infantry Brigade, he was first mentioned in dispatches, then appointed a CBE. The citation praised his "resourcefulness and firmness in dealing with difficult situations" which did much to raise British prestige.

Yet Brodie had not set out to join the Army. A farmer's son from Northumberland, he had read history at Durham University with no apparent military ambitions. While an undergraduate, however, he joined the OTC and became hooked.

He followed a friend into the Cheshire Regiment, joining the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth in 1926. He became its adjutant in 1934 when the CO was a Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Percival, later to find himself commanding the Singapore garrison when the island surrendered to the Japanese.

Meanwhile Brodie made a reputation as a sportsman, running in the regiment's athletics team which went on to win the Army championships in 1937-39. He helped make its rugby XV one of the best in the Army in the late 1920s, and played polo for the Cheshires in Malta in the early 1930s when it beat every side whom it played — including Lord Louis Mountbatten's naval team.

In 1936, however, Brodie narrowly escaped with his life when an aircraft in which he was a passenger crashed in the western desert. One of only three survivors, he spent many months in hospital, losing most of one ear and some fingers through severe burns.

He spent the next few years as an instructor, first at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, then at the staff college and finally at the senior officers' school — before being given command of the 2nd Battalion the Manchester Regiment in 1942 and taking it to India. He served briefly as a staff officer with the 70th Division before being sent to join the second Wingate campaign in 1944. He commanded the 1st Cheshires in Germany after the war.

On his return from Korea in 1952, Brodie was promoted major-general and given command of the 1st Infantry Division in the Canal Zone, returning in the year before Suez.

He was then scheduled to take over as C-in-C Austria. But the Austrian State Treaty of 1955 saw the restoration of Austria as an independent country and the withdrawal of occupying forces. His job taken away from him, Brodie briefly commanded on Salisbury Plain and went on a lecture tour before retiring from the Army in 1957.

In the same year he joined the Economic League, an allegedly non-political organisation which nevertheless saw its task as fighting left-wing subversion in British industry and keeping secret files on those it regarded as industrial saboteurs. He became its regional director in the Midlands, ultimately joining its central council and retiring at the age of 80. He was honorary colonel of the Cheshires from 1955 to 1961.

Tom Brodie was essentially a fighting soldier and had little sophistication about politics. Probably the most striking characteristic of his career was the way in which he contrived to steer clear of Whitehall. A modest man, he seldom spoke of his war service. His family, then living in Colchester in married quarters, first heard of his exploits in Korea through a letter from his batman.

He married his wife Jane in 1938 and five generals, all ex-Cheshires, were on parade at their golden wedding party five years ago. She died last year. Tom Brodie himself lived just long enough to be aware of his old regiment's achievements in Bosnia with the United Nations.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

ANDREW HOLMES

Andrew Holmes, editor of the *Power in Europe* newsletter, died on September 11 from brain cancer aged 36. He was born in Greenock, Scotland, on September 29, 1956.

ANDREW HOLMES was an early editor of *European Energy Report* and in 1987 launched *Power in Europe*. This was a publication which, within a matter of months, was to exert a telling influence on the formulation of energy policy in Europe. It had a particular impact in this country, where the Thatcher government was mired in its controversial electricity privatisation programme.

Under Holmes's editorship, the fortnightly newsletter soon became renowned for its scoops, which he generously shared with his colleagues at the *Financial Times* and other papers. *Power in Europe* soon became the industry bible, much awaited, often with trepidation, by senior industry figures and government officials wrestling with the complexities of privatisation, and which, at times, few of those connected with the policy seemed to understand.

Holmes recognised early that the nuclear sector was replete with hidden costs that would mitigate against successful privatisation. In *Power in Europe*, he discussed such matters as the true cost of decommissioning old reactors, the possibility of a nuclear levy (which has since come to pass) and other cost factors. Holmes argued that privatisation had not been thought out and that, if it continued to be pushed, there would be casualties, including the coal industry.

Not surprisingly, his findings often put him at loggerheads with Whitehall and industry officialdom which periodically resorted to internal enquiries as to the source of his many scoops.

He was rewarded with the prize of Energy Journalist of the Year in 1989, awarded by the British Institute of Energy Economics. His citation noted that his coverage of privatisation had "raised the level of public debate on the whole subject".

Andrew Holmes was educated at the University of Stirling where he took a first in English and at the University of London. He started his career in journalism in 1982 when he joined the newsletter division of the Financial Times group, following three years as a press officer in the Department of Energy. His deep knowledge of the industry, as well as the workings of the Whitehall bureaucracy, made him an immediate asset to the newsletter division.

Following his success as editor of *Power in Europe*, Holmes was much in demand for comments on both television and radio and was a regular contributor to the *Financial Times*. He published a number of books on the UK electricity business and gave evidence to the UK Parliamentary Select Committee on Energy.

Holmes had an eclectic mixture of interests away from journalism — books, football and music. He did not suffer fools gladly, but beneath the crusty Glaswegian exterior and dry wit, was a kindly man who was a pleasure to work with.

He is survived by his wife Claire, a son and a daughter.

HELEN O'CONNELL

Helen O'Connell, American big-band singer, died in San Diego on September 9 aged 73. She was born in Lima, Ohio, on May 23, 1920.

AT THE height of the swing era, when big bands toured the United States from coast to coast, Helen O'Connell caught the attention of Jimmy Dorsey, one of the most famous bandleaders of them all. She had not long left high school, abandoning education to pursue a career as a band singer, and was performing with the Larry Funk band at the Village Barn in New York City when Dorsey, who was looking for a vocalist, happened to hear her.

From that moment in 1939 O'Connell's career took off. She was paired with Bob Eberly on a Dorsey recording of "Green Eyes," followed by "Tangerine" and "Amapola." All three records sold millions of copies making her one of the most popular big band singers of the 1940s. In the 1950s O'Connell moved into television, working with Dave Garroway on NBC's *Today Show* and hosting the Miss Universe Pageant for nine years. But her singing days were not finished. For two years, in 1978 and 1979, she toured the country with Rosemary Clooney, Margaret Whiting and Rose Marie, in a highly successful concert presentation called "4 Girls 4".

Helen O'Connell made her last stage appearance as recently as August 14 this year, performing at the Valley Forge Music Fair as part of a summer big band tour. But chest pains forced her to abandon the tour, and she underwent surgery two weeks ago.

O'Connell is survived by her third husband, composer Frank De-Vol, whom she married in 1991, and by four daughters. Her first marriage, to Clifford Smith Jr, heir to a Boston investment fortune, ended in divorce in 1951 after ten years. She was married again in 1957 to novelist Tom Chamales, but he died in a fire three years later.



F. L. WILDER

F. L. Wilder, print expert and art dealer, died on September 1 aged 100. He was born in London on January 2, 1893.

F. L. WILDER worked for Sotheby's for over 60 years; as one of the century's great print scholars, he combined the qualities of a prodigious memory, patience and perseverance in his attributions. Even during the celebrations for his 100th birthday he was far more interested in the possible discovery of a rare impression of the first state of Rembrandt's *Hundred Guilder Print* than in any acclaim at his longevity.

Frederick Louis Wilder was the third son of a City assayer of the same name who went to work in a Brazilian gold mine in order to support the family. His mother soon followed, leaving their sons behind in boarding school.

The young Wilder joined Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge originally in 1911, working for one of the partners, Montague Barlow MP, but with the outset of the first world war he joined up. His two elder brothers were killed in action, but Wilder was luckier. Crippled by rheumatic fever he was invalided out. The deaths of his brothers broke his mother's heart, he once wrote, and left him with a lifelong guilt.

For the rest of the war he worked at the auction house as a sales clerk. His ambition, however, was to become an expert, and he acted as assistant to Herbert Breun, who came in from his shop in Soho to catalogue prints for the auctions. He spent his evenings at art and etching classes and Saturday afternoons in the Print Room of the British Museum. It was in 1918 that Wilder started up *Print Prices Current*, aided by his younger brother after the death of the original co-founder, Edward de Courville.

The publication continued through the boom years of the English print market in the 1920s, when mezzotints could fetch thousands of pounds, a large sum even by today's prices, and it survived the ensuing slump, finally to expire in 1939.

Wilder remained with Sotheby's throughout the second world war and after, cataloguing paintings and drawings in addition to prints, and carrying out valuations for the company up and down the country. With his prodigious memory, he could recall the minute details of each impression and every picture that had passed through his hands — because of this the failing sight of old age never hindered him and he worked consistently to the end.

Although the decline in the value of English prints meant that much of his knowledge was under-utilised in later years, he was sustained by his love for the Old Masters of the German and Dutch Schools, and particularly of Rembrandt's etchings. He had a great passion for the paintings of John Constable, often claiming newly-discovered masterpieces, not always with the agreement of his colleagues.

In later years, Wilder was a marvellous teacher to those just starting to acquire their expertise in the print field. Always generous with his knowledge, he would happily spend whatever time was necessary to research and answer even the most minor question. While pointing out the pitfalls to the novice, he would emphasise to him: "Don't forget, we are only the custodians."



In 1969 he published his first book, *How to Identify Old Prints*, which has since become a collector's item. He never managed to complete to his satisfaction the Catalogue of English Sporting Prints, 1750-1880, which he researched for over 70 years, though he did produce a finely illustrated coffee table book on the subject in 1974.

Wilder finally retired from Sotheby's in 1976, joining Hildegard Fritz-Denneville in what was to become a successful partnership specialising in German art and sporting pictures.

Rejuvenated by becoming a dealer in his 80s, his sprightly figure could be seen regularly in Bond Street right up until the last two years, and was often to be found in Sotheby's perched half-way up a library ladder doing his research.

ANDRZEJ FOLKIERSKI

Dr Andrzej Folkierski, physicist, died on September 7 aged 70. He was born in Cracow, Poland, on October 30, 1922.



AFTER the German invasion in 1939 Andrzej Folkierski made his way from Poland to Paris with his father who was then Professor of French at Cracow University.

In 1940 they arrived in London, the father to become Minister of Education in the exiled Polish government while the son joined the Polish Army.

Demobilised at the end of the war, he studied electrical engineering at Imperial College, graduating in that subject as the top student. He took his PhD in Nuclear Physics at Imperial and remained in its physics department for the rest of his career. In 1956 at the request of P. M. S. Blackett, Folkierski joined the newly formed Plasma Physics Group to research the possibilities of controlled thermonuclear fusion and his expertise in electronics played a notable role in the early experiments.

The behaviour of high temperature ionised gases proved much more complex than was recognised at that time but Folkierski's profound understanding of electromagnetic phenomena enabled him to keep a difficult and rapidly developing science well in focus.

Over many years his contribution to the group rested as much on his constant availability to students in overcoming research problems as on his own published work. Of the research students associated with him, one became professorial head of the group, another founded Psion, the electronics company. They and many others continued to consult him on diverse matters throughout the rest of his life, for he combined a fierce logic with that understanding of human affairs which makes for compassion.

Physically, and otherwise, he was a big man and a measured dignity was reflected in his precise use of English learnt in the classical tradition. His contribution to departmental affairs assumed an authority over a period of 40 years which led successive departmental heads to rely on his judgment, particularly in matters of financial administration.

He was fluent in English, French and Polish and knew more German and Russian than he cared to acknowledge. This was a great asset when he worked on research projects involving European co-operation. Even after he retired in 1990 he was involved in collaborative experiments at the Ecole Polytechnique.

He was a significant member of the Polish committee in London and Paris. In London he was vice-chairman of the Polish School Committee and during the Solidarity uprising he was instrumental in placing refugee Polish students in British universities. In Paris he was chairman of the Polish Historical and Literary Association and continued the work of his father in promoting the survival of his native culture through the Polish Library there.

He married Hanka Kurdziel in 1956 and is survived by her and two daughters.

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... War is still the same instructor of violence, as in the days of Thucydides, and still makes men's tempers as hard as their circumstances. It is terrible to see how 17 months of its abhorred sway have fostered and inflamed the savage dispositions which lie couched like wild beasts in the depths of the heart of man. The American nation has long been too prosperous to be extravagantly resentful; but the violent and unutterable hatred of the South, long disregarded if not disbelieved in by the North, who had previously reserved all their rancour and venom for England, is beginning to breed a corresponding antipathy. No one seems appalled at the thought that in the town of Washington, at this moment, there is said to be only one church in which Divine Service can be performed, and that all the other churches are converted into hospitals. It is but a few days since an estimable American, in reference to this fact, said to me, "Sir, we will convert every church in the Northern States into a hospital rather than let the South go." Few Americans care now to justify the war: few would now attempt to deny that Lord Rusell's just definition, calling it a war for empire, once indignantly repudiated, is founded in truth and reason. The vainest and most self-confident nation on earth, crushed and pounded between the millstones of adversity, refuses to admit facts which are as indisputable as the issues of Austerlitz or Marengo, and woe betide the unlucky Englishman who in an unguarded moment shall speak of defeat as having ever overtaken McClellan or a Northern army!

But there is an exception to this insanity, and it is to be found among the men who witnessed the advance upon Richmond, and shared in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks and in the terrible seven days on the Chickahominy. It is not too much to say that there is not a single Northern General in whom the men who have served under him profess the slightest confidence: but speak to them of Southern Generals, and notably of "Stonewall" Jackson, and the more intelligent the spokesman, the more unmeasured will be his admiration of the pluck and dash and dexterity which have a thousand times been exhibited. As I write, the air is thick with rumours, and the Northern mind finds little food for hope or comfort in the scanty and bombastic despatches which emanate from General Pope. It is known that a General who but a few weeks since spoke of retreat as a word which could be applicable only to his enemy, and of plunder as the means of subsistence on which his army must depend, has recoiled some 40 or 50 miles before his opponents, and is still recoiling: that he has lost stores of which the value is carefully suppressed, but which a heated public estimates at a very high figure, and which includes his own personal baggage and papers ...

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The paper's distinguished correspondent William Howard Russell covered the war in its early stages, but, when banned by the Federal Army, he returned home in April. The reports of his successor, Charles Mackay, were so blatantly biased in favour of the South that he was eventually sacked.

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A race for the Olympic tourists

The 2000 Games city will attract more than athletes and sports fans: tourists will come, too, David Churchill reports

Next week the International Olympic Committee will decide where the Millennium Games are to be held, a choice that will instantly turn the winning city into a tourist goldmine.

Peking and Sydney, the front-runners, know that the Pacific Rim countries will be the most important new markets for world tourism by the end of the decade. Winning the Olympic vote will add the icing to the cake.

For Peking, says Derek Shanks, BA Holidays senior product manager, the verdict would make the city acceptable as a holiday destination. "The people who did not go because of what happened in Tiananmen Square will regard the IOC decision as sanctioning trips to China."

For Sydney, hosting the Games will be "the equivalent of having another bicentennial celebration", says Andrew Bathe, managing director of Australia specialists Austravel and Ausbound. The 1988 celebrations added 30 per cent to its visitor numbers and that level has been maintained.

Yet victory can be double-edged. Steve Garley, sales director of Thomson Holidays, points out that "every time we have one of these major sporting or cultural events, it distorts the market for regular holidaymakers by pushing up hotel prices and flight costs. It's more of a hassle than a benefit."

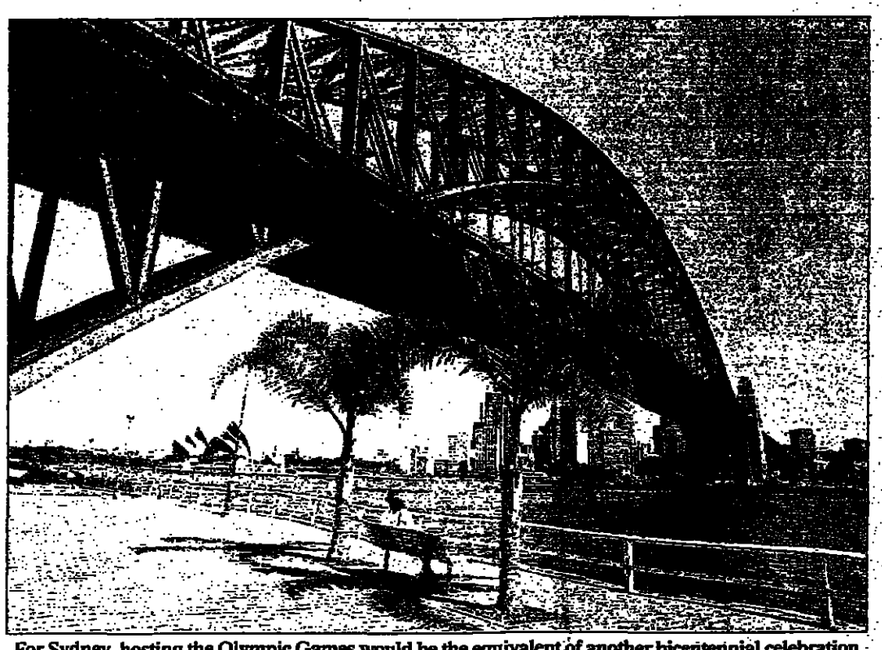
Sarah Erskine, product manager with long-haul specialists Kuoni, says there is a "danger of hoteliers being too greedy, especially in a new market such as Peking".

This was a charge levelled at Barcelona, which hosted the Olympics last year. There was a 21 per cent increase in airport arrivals at the time, but the momentum has not been maintained. Even Brussels, for example, is ahead of Barcelona in popularity for European short-break holidays from Britain.

Both Sydney and Peking are in the fortunate position that whoever loses next Thursday's IOC vote, the impact on tourism will be less than both cities may initially fear.

Peking, in particular, is experiencing an upsurge in British visitors in spite of some reservations about the country's political stance. BA Holidays, for example, expects to double the holidays sold to Peking this year, although the numbers remain relatively small.

"There is no doubt that people are prepared to go back now after the sharp downturn following Tiananmen Square," Mr Shanks says. China's visitor numbers dropped by a fifth in 1989 after the political upheavals that year.



For Sydney, hosting the Olympic Games would be the equivalent of another bicentennial celebration

But China is not a cheap destination. International flights are still not keeping up with demand — British Airways is adding a second weekly jumbo flight next year direct to Peking — so there is only limited potential for discounted air fares. The limited availability of Western-style hotels in Peking also offers less scope for good deals.

Most Peking tourists usually combine a trip to China with another Far Eastern destination. A week in Hong Kong and a week in Peking with Kuoni, for example, costs just under £1,000 per person (based on sharing a twin room).

Going with a group is usually less trouble, although independent travellers have found it easier in the past year to get a visa.

Travellers to Sydney have more opportunities for cheaper flights, John King, the Australian Tourist Commission's regional director for Europe, says that while Australia used to be considered a "once-in-a-lifetime-experience", it has now become "both affordable and accessible as prices have actually fallen".

The Pickfords Travel/Hogg Robinson travel agency says the best deal for a return trip to Sydney next month is with Northwest Airlines for £662: the drawback is that the flight is via Detroit and with a plane change en route. British Airways next month has a direct flight for £1,017 — the same price as for Qantas.

Austravel, however, is offering fares of £549 on its Britannia charter flight — the aircraft is a Boeing 767 rather than the more usual long-haul 747. Lauda Air's fare (via Germany) is £669.

If the outsider, Manchester, fails in its bid, it too can take heart from a rejuvenated tourist industry. The Greater Manchester area, in fact, now gets as many overseas visitors — 300,000 are expected this year — as Australia does from Britain. Elizabeth Jeffreys, chief executive of the Greater Manchester Visitor and Convention Bureau, says: "This region was the home of the Industrial Revolution. People want to see where it all started." By 2000, Manchester airport expects 22 million passengers — double the present number.

English Heritage is strongly backing Manchester's bid to host the Games because it believes its success would benefit the city's historical heritage in the long term. Part of the proposals suggest that the Olympic Village should be in the Ashton canal area. Jocelyn Stevens, the chairman, says: "The plan would involve the refurbishment of Victorian mills and warehouses, and the opening of the canal for leisure."

Down on the farm

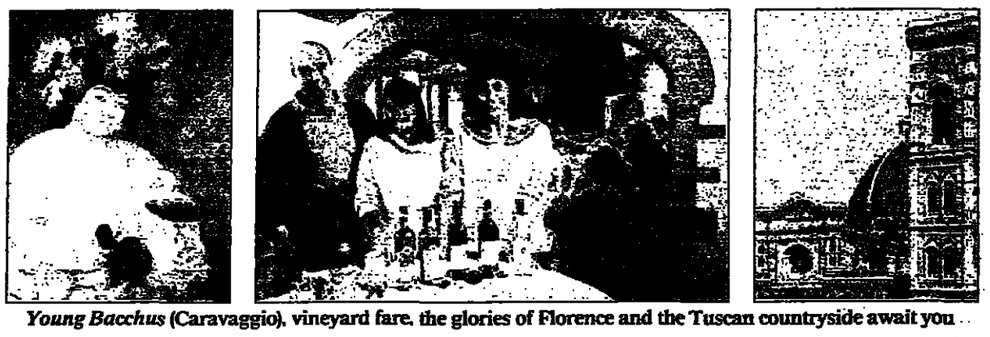
NOVEMBER sees the launch of the Farm Holiday Bureau (0203 696909), which will provide a central reservations system for farm holidays in the UK. Almost 200 members will take part, and the organisers plan to work with the British Tourist Authority to encourage independent tourists from overseas and business travellers to use the facility.

☐ THE TRAVEL Club of Upminster (0708 225000) offers departures from Gatwick on September 26 to Luz Beach apartments, on the Algarve, for two weeks at £434 per person, based on two adults sharing a one-bedroom apartment. In addition, up to two children under 12 can travel half-price if they are accompanied by two adults.

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Souvenirs on a Sunday?

Tourism bodies want deregulation of the old-fashioned trading laws

Overseas tourists visiting England are confused by the complicated Sunday trading laws and licensing regulations, according to the English Tourist Board (ETB).

Millions of pounds are being lost because tourists cannot shop for souvenirs on Sundays. This week, the ETB stepped up its campaign for deregulation by urging traders to write to their MPs before members return to the Commons in October to begin the debate on the issue.

The ETB says shopping is the second most popular activity with overseas visitors who put £2.2 billion a year into retailers' tills. Domestic tourists spend £1.4 billion.

Ros Carey, joint head of policy for the ETB and the British Tourist Authority (BTA), says: "I want people from all levels in the industry to support us by writing to their MPs, urging them to vote for deregulation.

"It is they who will benefit when this country can compete equally with other EC countries where Sunday shopping laws are more relaxed."

MPs will chose from four options this autumn: total deregulation; total deregulation for small shops and six hours trading for large shops and supermarkets; allowing only certain strictly defined types of outlet to open; allowing all shops to open on the four Sundays before Christmas and only "defined" outlets for the rest of the year.

The BTA and ETB say research shows that overseas visitors are puzzled by the present restrictions. "A total of 47 per cent of people questioned cited it as their biggest problem. They are as bewildered by our shopping rules as they are by our licensing laws," Ms Carey says.

She says the Japanese — one of the fastest-growing markets for Britain — are among the highest spending shoppers. "Japanese visitors tend to visit more than one country on a trip, and if their UK visit spans a weekend, the yen will likely as not find its way into a French or German till."

The BTA and ETB say that deregulation would bring England and Wales in line with Scotland, where shops are free to open as they please, even though only 22 per cent of shops actually open there on a Sunday.

The two organisations regard the traditional British pub as an under-used attraction, and would like to see more flexibility for late-night opening and Sunday hours.

The president of the Shopping Hours Reform Council, Sir Basil Feldman, says: "Tourism will certainly benefit from deregulation. In these days of short breaks and two or three day trips, tourists coming to London and other destinations stay for just one weekend. The more goods sold, the more jobs we will see created."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Taking root in France

The Riviera is celebrating its English botanical heritage

The statue of Queen Victoria which stands on the seafront at Menton will be decked in flowers tomorrow to help the town celebrate an exceptional botanical heritage.

For three days, this French Mediterranean resort near Monaco is to show the world that the "old" Riviera — which is essentially a British creation — is far from lost, despite the rampant development which has disfigured the coastline elsewhere.



Menton gardens

For tomorrow only, the gates of three properties, which few but the highly privileged have been allowed to see in recent years, will open to the public.

One is a garden estate created by Lawrence Johnston, the American master horticulturist, believed lost and abandoned years ago. Johnston devoted himself to Menton between 1919 and 1939 after setting up Hidcote Manor Garden, near Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire. He donated Hidcote to the National Trust in 1948 and it is now one of the trust's most visited properties.

The other French gardens, Les Colombières and Villa Fontana Rosa, equally evoke a lost era when wealthy owners indulged their fantasies by erecting gazebos, ceramic temples and other such follies under a Mediterranean canopy of pines, palms and ancient olives.

With nightfall they will close again, but other gardens will remain open to permanent view, and celebrations will continue during the weekend. A garden festival and art display, are expected to attract 20,000 visitors.

English gentry first descended on Menton after a doctor, Henry Bennet, wrote a book praising its beneficial climate in the 1850s.

Then, retiring civil servants or army officers who had served Queen and Country in far-flung corners of the Empire came to settle, making the British resident population of 5,000 one of the largest on the Continent.

The climate nourished the roots and cuttings they brought with them either from gardens in Victorian Britain or the exotic, tropical colonies.

TONY ROCCA

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James Pringle reports from Bangkok, a tropical paradise being choked by traffic and over-commercialisation

Thailand cursed by congestion

Thailand's tourist industry is in crisis. Half the rooms in its new hotels are empty, staff are being laid off, traffic pollution makes walking in Bangkok city centre unpleasant, and monsoons have brought chaos and disease.

Bangkok's towering new hotels, condominiums and office buildings are a tribute to Thailand's status as a newly-industrialised country. On the streets, however, traffic is immobile, as Thais and tourists struggle through monsoon floods, with overflowing effluent, dead rats and snakes. It can take three hours to get to the international airport from the city centre.

This week, the police chief appealed to people to use public transport to help get traffic moving again. However, the prospect of sitting virtually motionless in a bus inhaling Bangkok's choking exhaust fumes, said to be the world's worst, four times greater than accepted danger levels, holds little appeal when travellers can recline in an air-conditioned car.

"Basically, the infrastructure has collapsed," said a foreign hotelier. "The government can't even guarantee people can get to and from the airport. Businessmen now come in from Hong Kong or Singapore in the morning, see their clients at an airport hotel, and leave again in the evening."

Most hoteliers say the low occupancy rates have two causes, the first being the recession around the world, the second being Thailand's execrable image. Once an exotic destination, a languid tropical paradise of tree-shaded canals and exotic temples, the capital known to Thais as the City of Angels has become a latterday hell of traffic jams, noise and pollution. It is a city of excess — an excess of cars (2.4 million), motor bikes (2.5 million) and brothels (more than 600) — not to mention broken pavements, potholed roads and department stores with illegal extensions that pose a safety hazard.

The cause of all this excess is a get-rich-quick greed that has overturned traditional Buddhist values and Thais' former satisfaction with a modest lifestyle.

Academics point to unplanned growth in Bangkok, lax enforcement and casual resort to bribery to circumvent regulations. "It makes the situation hell not just for tourists and foreign businessmen but for ordinary Thais," a diplomat said.

Only 8 per cent of the surface of Bangkok is covered by roads, compared with more than 20 per cent in London or New York. The population of the city area was six million in 1987, was nine million by 1991 and is likely to hit 11.5 million by 1998.

The situation is little better in the rest of Thailand, where much of the forest cover has been destroyed in the past ten years. The northern city of Chiangmai has become a mini-Bangkok of high-rises and traffic jams. The resort of Pattaya has been ruined by pollution on the beach and in the sea.

Samui island is an idyll lost to tacky development, now run by a group of local families. Only Phuket, in the Andaman Sea, retains some pristine charm, though parts of that, such as Patong beach, have succumbed to a rash of beer bars, discos and prostitutes, of whom Thailand has an estimated 500,000.


JAMES PRINGLE

Dead rats and snakes are found floating in the effluent as traffic jams clog Bangkok's streets flooded by heavy rains of the monsoon

Mexico City and Cairo were once perceived to have worse urban problems, but took steps to change them, whereas Thailand is overwhelmed by sex, drugs, Aids, traffic jams and pollution.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) says 5.14 million tourists arrived in 1992, a 1 per cent increase over the previous year. In the first half of this year, 2.81 million arrived, a 14.9 per cent increase.

But hoteliers say the slack has been taken up by a different kind of tourist, mainly Koreans, mainland Chinese and Taiwanese. "The TAT figures may look encouraging, but what they don't say is that these new tourists are not spenders: they are looking for bargain basement deals," said one hotelier. "Visitors from Europe, the United States and Japan are staying away."

Bangkok had 42,100 hotel rooms at the beginning of 1993, up by 24 per cent on a year earlier, and there are 5,000 more being built. While hotels are expected to have a 55 per cent occupancy this year, many of these are based on cut-rate sales. Though recession has played its part, there are other disincentives.

Events such as the collapse of the provincial Royal Plaza Hotel last month, with 137 killed, and violence in southern Thailand that has left six dead, have deterred visitors. Thais joke that other Asian countries such as Bangladesh and the Philippines have natural disasters, Thailand has man-made ones.

Although the government says it will move to eliminate some of the problems, nothing has yet been done. Bangkok's street of glitter and sleaze, Patpong Road, is lined with go-go bars and the stalls of a night bazaar selling counterfeit trade names.

Still, many foreigners seem content to come to Thailand. "Thais may be less polite than before, but after two days' rudeness in Hong Kong, I'm glad to get back," said one businessman.

One factor that can save Thailand is the interest in the relatively unspoiled lands beyond its borders — Burma, Cambodia, and the opening of Vietnam and China. "Bangkok is a station on the way to these other destinations and people are very attracted to them," said one foreign tourist executive. "That may save us in the end."

TRAVELOGS

Islands rethink age limit

THE BALEARIC Islands' government has bowed to pressure from tour operators in Britain and dropped its controversial plans to treat all holidaymakers over the age of 12 as adults.

The rule was due to come into force on January 1 next year, but the authorities were warned that the islands, which include Majorca, Menorca and Ibiza, could lose a million visitors as a result.

Now the government has agreed to raise the age limit for children sharing rooms with their parents to 15 years. The law applies only to rooms licenced for two people where an extra bed is allowed for a child sharing with parents.

The proposal had been intended to stop groups of teenagers sharing apartments designed for couples by booking with tour operators who treated under-19s as children.

Orient direct

CATHAY PACIFIC is to introduce a new direct service to Hong Kong from Manchester airport on October 31. The airline says it is responding to demands from customers from the north of England.

Other developments include the airline's move to Manchester's new Terminal 2, and the opening of a lounge for First and Marco Polo Business Class passengers and Marco Polo Club members.

Capital news

THE LONDON Tourist Board is "extremely cheered" by figures showing an increase of 20 per cent in visitors from North America to the city last year. There was also a rise in the number of tourists from the Continent and Japan. Spending by overseas visitors increased by 8 per cent to slightly more than £4 billion.

Tom Webb, the LTB managing director, acknowledged, however, that the domestic market was a little less robust, with numbers increasing by just half a million from 6.5 million to 7 million. He added: "The recession is still biting rather deeply, but we are cautiously optimistic that 1993 will see a return to the bumper levels of 1990, particularly with the opening of Buckingham Palace."

Rough ride

THE IMPOSITION of VAT on fares in the November Budget would mean fare increases of 36 per cent, up to 15,000 lost jobs and £1 billion lost from retail sales, the bus and coach industry says.

Its trade association, the Bus and Coach Council has set out the case against VAT in a pre-Budget submission to the Treasury following hints that bus passengers might be subjected to VAT.

American pistes lure Britons

Skiers head across the Atlantic

America is expecting a growing number of British skiers this winter. Tour operators say that luxury skiing trips to America, with business class flights and top grade hotels, are selling well above expectations.

Aggressive marketing by American resorts, and doubts about snow in Europe, mean that up to 30,000 people will head for North American slopes this winter. Most will be dedicated skiers, and more than half will book through tour operators.


More British skiers are heading to resorts such as Aspen

Crystal, Britain's second biggest ski operator, sent 4,000 skiers to America and 1,000 to Canada in 1992-3, double the number sent by Thomson, the overall market leader. Crystal says its bookings for the coming winter are 100 per cent up on the same time last year but Andy Perrin, the marketing manager, does not expect that to last. "We are, however, confident of 25 to 30 per cent growth overall. Fifty per cent would be spectacular and is not impossible."

According to Thomson, 75 per cent of all British skiers go to Colorado, with Breckenridge by far and away the number one choice. It is popular because it is large but quaint, with non-stop flights into Denver and a transfer time of under two hours. Breckenridge attracts about 6,000 British skiers, with Vail about 3,000 and Aspen an estimated 1,800.

The east coast resorts, primarily Killington and Stowe, have a 20 per cent market share while serious off-piste skiers remain loyal to the "Wild West" favourites Jackson Hole and Crested Butte.

This year, the threat to Colorado comes from two would-be major players. One is California. Virgin Holidays, which specialises in California and New England, took 2,300 skiers to the regions in 1992-3, a figure it expects to increase to more than 3,000 this winter for Lake Tahoe and Mammoth.

The other boom area for British skiers is Canada, especially Whistler, near Vancouver. Alan Reed, managing director of Ski the American Dream, says: "The British can buy a two-week holiday in Chateau Whistler using non-stop schedule flights for under £1,000."

MINTY CLINCH

PRAGUE needs an inspection scheme for its hotels to prevent hundreds of unlicenced operators offering cut-price but potentially unsafe rooms to visitors, according to its main tourist agency.

New entrepreneurs, seeing an opportunity to make money from the 12 million foreigners who are flocking to the city each year, are accommodating tourists in their own homes. Many of these "hotels" are not designed for large numbers of visitors and have not been inspected for fire safety, says the Czech tourism organisation, Cedok.

Cedok's comments come as the number of tourists visiting Prague has fallen below forecast levels for the first time since 1989. Some have been discouraged by the high cost and lack of quality of accommodation; others by the crowds thronging the winding streets and historic attractions.

Prices have soared, thanks to a new 23 per cent value added tax, though Cedok says many hotels have not passed the full cost on to their customers. Greenpeace claims the city is the second most polluted in Europe after Athens. The Prague authorities have decided to tackle the problem by renovating palaces, churches, museums and historic buildings. Cedok is now attempting to direct visitors away from the more congested sites. It recommends the streets of the Mala Strana on the slopes leading to Prague Castle, and the Vysehrad, an ancient citadel by the Vltava River, where Prague was founded.

Prague's new beds of thorns


Prague's Charles Bridge

Prague has survived its turbulent history remarkably unscathed and is a testament to Europe's architectural history. Many of its streets are still the same as they were when Mozart visited.

Three nights at a city centre hotel in the peak season would cost £439 per person with Sovereign Cities (0293 599900). British Airways has 14 direct flights from Heathrow every week and Czechoslovak Airlines (071-255 1898) has three from Manchester and 12 from Heathrow.

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Salad days recalled

THE WALDORF-ASTORIA in New York, one of the world's best-known hotels, celebrates its hundredth anniversary next month. *Marianne Curphey writes.*

So many world leaders have stayed at the hotel that it has been said only Buckingham Palace has hosted more heads of state. Now it is to mark its centenary with a gala evening next Tuesday. It will be attended by Mrs Vincent Astor, widow of the grandson of the hotel's founders. The Rockefellers and Mr and Mrs Frank Sinatra have also lent their names to the event.

The original Waldorf Hotel, launched by the millionaire William Waldorf Astor in 1893, stood at Fifth Avenue near 34th Street. It closed in 1929 to make way for the Empire State Building, but in October 1931 opened at its present Park Avenue address.

It was the Waldorf that introduced room service, and was the first to abolish the "ladies' entrance". Ginger Rogers appeared in the first big film to feature a hotel, in *Weekend at the Waldorf*. This year it was designated an official New York City landmark. The original Waldorf Hotel was built by the architect, Henry J. Hardenbergh as the embodiment of Astor's vision of a New York hotel which would appeal to his wealthy friends. In 1949, the Waldorf-Astoria was acquired by Conrad Hilton. After a restoration of many of the 1,410-room hotel's art deco treasures in 1988, the hotel is now the Hilton flagship.

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NEWS

Divorce reforms could cut costs

■ Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is to unveil radical reforms of the divorce laws which are aimed at encouraging couples to go to mediation rather than to court.

Should the reforms become law, before a divorce can be granted, couples would be required first to visit a "family advice centre" to sort out their problems without resort to law and costly legal aid ..... **Page 1**

Lamont challenge on Euro-money

■ Norman Lamont, writing in *The Times* on the anniversary of Black Wednesday, urged John Major to pull Britain out of future European Community talks on monetary union and to announce that Britain would not take part in a single currency. He also says he should have resigned on Black Wednesday ..... **Pages 1, 16**

Inflation surges

A rise from 1.4 per cent to 1.7 per cent in the inflation figure for August allied with disappointing retail sales figures led to a 39-point fall in the stock market index ..... **Pages 1, 23**

Tourist ordeal

Margaret Jagger, 34, girlfriend of Gary Colley, the British tourist murdered by gunmen in Florida, has described how two teenage robbers fired at point-blank range giving the couple no chance ..... **Page 1**

Albert overhaul

The Albert Hall, home of the Proms, is to have £20 million spent on it to enable it to host scientific conventions from around the world ..... **Pages 1, 17**

Patten threat

John Patten, the education secretary, has threatened to halt teacher training courses at universities that refused to send their students to independent schools ..... **Page 2**

Gatt protest

Sixty groups of French farmers disrupted traffic on roads around Paris yesterday in a protest highlighting demands that their interests be defended even at the cost of blocking a new agreement on world trade ..... **Page 12**

Cancer errors

Diagnosis errors in suspected cancer cases were more likely since reforms obliged testing centres to charge for their services and, as a result, doctors became more reluctant to seek second opinions, specialists claimed yesterday ..... **Page 5**

Veterans upset

Veterans from HMS *Eagle*, an aircraft carrier sunk by a German U-boat in 1942, have condemned a decision to invite to a reunion two of the crew responsible for the attack ..... **Page 3**

Red-faced raiders

American Rangers broke into the home of the Mogadishu police chief and arrested him, believing him to be the fugitive warlord General Muhammad Farrah Aidid ..... **Page 10**

Tax protector

Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, told a church meeting in London that only the government could protect taxpayers from a barrage of demands from the public, media, Whitehall officials and pressure groups for more public spending ..... **Page 8**

Right turn?

The ultra-right British National Party, which broke away from the National Front ten years ago, is hoping to win its first council seat in the Millwall ward of Tower Hamlets in east London today ..... **Page 6**

Hong Kong warning

China has been told in a message from Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, that since Peking needed the colony so badly it would be ill advised to "mess it up" in 1997 ..... **Page 9**

Bugs Bunny no part of EC culture

■ João de Deus Pinheiro, EC commissioner for culture, has taken exception to Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny and Scooby Doo. Less than 48 hours before they appear in Britain on The Cartoon Network, a new satellite channel, Senhor Pinheiro says a new EC directive requires that 51 per cent of all programmes should be of European origin ..... **Page 2**



Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, meeting Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general in New York. They are flanked by PLO spokeswoman, Hanan Ashrawi, and Mahmoud Abbas, the official who signed the pact with Israel for the PLO. **Page 11**

BUSINESS

Mirror: A placing of 54.8 per cent of Mirror Group Newspapers shares with investing institutions looks likely ..... **Page 23**

Lloyd's: Names were warned by Chatset, independent analysts, that they could face cash calls of up to £5 billion within 18 months to meet the cost of transferring liabilities into a new company ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 38.6 points to 2989.4 after higher-than-expected inflation, weak retail sales and company earnings fears. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 81.2 after a rise from $1.5440 to $1.5547 and a fall from DM2.4835 to DM2.4715 ..... **Page 26**

Olympic Games: Simon Barnes talks to Bob Scott, the man behind Manchester's 2000 Games big, and discovers that his campaigning has cost him a marriage and nine years of his life ..... **Page 39**

Football: A composed performance from Aston Villa saw them secure a 0-0 draw in the first leg of their Uefa Cup tie against Slovan Bratislava in the shadow of the Tetris mountains ..... **Page 40**

Golf: Ian Woosnam is going back to his "boozy Woosie" image as he prepares to take part in the Lancome Trophy near Versailles — the last European tournament before the Ryder Cup. John Hopkins discovers why ..... **Page 38**

Unknown asset: Aninita Keating seemed no more than a supporter and a washer of socks in 1991 when her husband, Paul, was made Australia's Labor prime minister. Joanna Pitman writes ..... **Page 14**

Difficult choices: Up to a thousand are dying of cancer unnecessarily every year because doctors decide they are "too old" to cope with surgery, radiotherapy or chemotherapy. Aileen Ballantyne reports ..... **Page 15**

Wish U were here: Nancy Mitford's letters, reviewed by Hugh Thomas, are as readable as any of her books ..... **Pages 36, 37**

What's art got to do with it? The cinema version of Tina Turner's life story is hardly the film to redefine the genre. The script of *What's Love Got To Do With It* is too worshipful and plodding ..... **Page 33**

Rewriting history: Most playwrights would consign something like *The Party's Over* to a dusty corner of their cuttings file. But not Alan Bleasdale. He decided to revive his early creation at the Nottingham Playhouse ..... **Page 34**

Strike up the band: When one of America's greatest orchestras ran into trouble, they called on the respected German conductor Wolfgang Sawallisch who is proving to be the man for the job ..... **Page 35**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Jack Russell, the wicket-keeper dropped by England for an extra batsman, is in the party to tour the West Indies next winter
Pages 42, 44



Jacqui Thornber, who was discharged from the RAF for becoming pregnant, has won £22,000 compensation from the defence ministry
Page 3



Harvey Smith, former international show jumper, appeared in court yesterday where he denied two charges of causing actual bodily harm
Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Is diesel 'greener' that petrol?

■ Scientists are beginning to link diesel fumes and the increasing number of asthma sufferers, raising a question of whether the fuel is "greener" than petrol

Getting to know your caller

■ New telephones will soon show the number of the person calling you before you answer. Will everyone welcome it?

Bigger is indeed better

■ American art in the 20th century: an exhibition so sweeping it needed two separate London galleries to house it

THE ARTS

American film director Frank Perry turns the camera on himself to record with optimism and humour the story of his fight against cancer. *Witness: On the Bridge* (C4, 9pm) ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

The open road

John Patten's speech to the Headmasters' Conference yesterday was a missed opportunity to recapture the initiative after a disastrous year in his political life. He can take comfort that Labour left the road open ..... **Page 17**

Back in power game

Change is coming so fast to the Middle East that militants and moderates alike are bemused. The rejectionists are gathering to plot sabotage, but the decisive factor is Syria ..... **Page 17**

Britain's bowl

The Albert Hall is to announce a £20 million development plan. London's temple of mass middlebrow entertainment, its latest metamorphosis will again confirm its establishment as popular national village hall, landmark and moving question mark ..... **Page 17**

NORMAN LAMONT

Talk of accelerating monetary union is just pious, unrealisable Euro-vision. It really is time that the prime minister stated categorically that Britain will not be participating in the third stage of monetary union ..... **Page 16**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Many American families have re-emigrated back to Britain. I would not dissuade you from coming here on practical grounds. You could earn as much; pay less tax; your children would probably be better educated; you would run less risk of being murdered ..... **Page 16**

Shadow heritage secretary Ann Clwyd fears monopolistic control of television that will kill off local broadcasting ..... **Page 17**

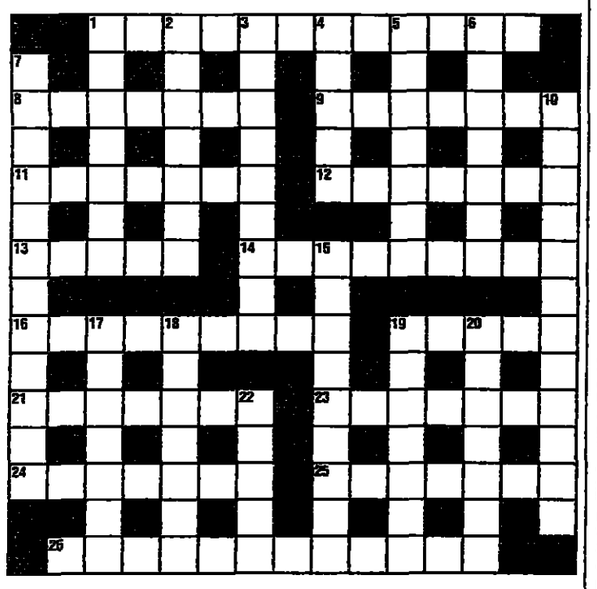
The essential requirement for peace is to replace the long-entrenched rhetoric and psychology of demonisation with a new vocabulary: Israel's leaders have already made a start. The PLO has not

The New York Times

Extension of self-determination to Palestinians under Israeli rule cannot fail to stir similar aspirations by Palestinians in Jordan

The Washington Post

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ACROSS

1 Fiddlers on the stage with mother fixations (5,7).
8 Up with rent, putting back capital (3,4).
9 An important contributor to paper in Spain (7).
11 Filly you are reported to want for this distance (7).
12 Girl workers put on side (7).
13 Drunken nuisance showing listlessness (5).
14 With less on, accept nurse as hotel worker (9).
16 Sort of shield familiar to Australian cricketers (9).
19 Result in loss of a rib (5).
21 Snow hats that are never removed (3-4).
23 Band perhaps able to recover its original form (7).
24 A health-giving kitchen device? (7).
25 Start to rein in, stop and dismount (7).
26 Two for potting are discoloured (5-3-4).

DOWN

1 In a flap it helps to keep a balanced side (7).
2 Run a small fiddle in Italian food (7).
3 Given a lab, can be controlled (9).
4 Flower for a dainty daughter (5).
5 I've had it — it's deadlock! (7).
6 Fish farming in bays (7).
7 Pompous fellow in a padded garment (7,5).
10 Neat cross on grave, perhaps, in a manner of speaking (6,6).
15 Epithet for match-stick men? (3-6).
17 Watch the shot — it's socketed (7).
18 Father has a new twitch when over-excited (7).
19 Sail along a length of the seashore (7).
20 To gorge at tea is messy (7).
22 Ayr is spreading into the country (5).

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WEATHER

Eastern England and south-east Scotland cloudy, with rain becoming more showery. The rest of England and Wales will begin mainly dry, with mist patches clearing; showers will develop by lunchtime. Northern Ireland and the rest of Scotland bright with showers. Winds mainly moderate north to northwesterly, but fresh down the east coast. Outlook: bright spells and showers on Friday. Rain spreading from the South West on Saturday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Cologne	17	63	c	Rome	25	77	f
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Corfu	27	81	f	S F'risco*	18	64	c
Dublin	9	48	r	Santiago*	25	77	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Faro	23	73	s	Seoul	28	82	f
Florence	24	75	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	15	59	f	Stkholm	9	48	f
Funchal	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Geneva	16	61	c	Sydney	17	63	s
Gibraltar	28	79	s	Tangier	24	75	s
Helsinki	8	46	s	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Innsbruck	16	64	f	Tokyo	25	77	s
Istanbul	25	77	s	Toronto*	27	81	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tunis	27	81	f
Jo'burg*	28	79	s	Valencia	30	86	s
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Madrid	19	66	c				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 996.0 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall 19C (66F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Clacton, Essex 1.21in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland 10.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.48in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9hr.

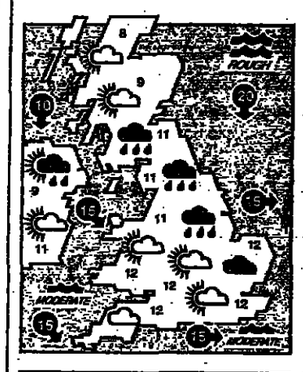
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Aberdeen	3.4	0.09	12	54	shower
Anglesey	4.3	0.05	15	59	shower
Ardmore	2.0	0.05	11	52	shower
Belfast	5.5	0.06	13	55	shower
Birmingham	0.4	0.11	13	55	shower
Bognor Regis	3.3	0.52	17	63	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.5	0.02	16	61	bright
Bristol	0.8	0.01	15	59	bright
Buxton	1.0	0.34	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff	0.5	0.16	15	59	cloudy
Clacton	2.4	1.21	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	-	0.17	11	52	shower
Eskdalemuir	2.2	0.35	10	50	shower
Exmouth	2.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Falmouth	3.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Glasgow	2.7	0.02	13	55	shower
Hastings	3.0	0.32	18	64	bright
Hunstanton	1.4	0.10	15	59	shower
Isle of Man	5.5	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	1.6	0.18	12	54	shower
Leeds	0.2	0.25	12	54	rain
Lerwick	10.6	0.09	12	54	sunny
Liverpool	1.1	-	13	55	shower
London	1.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.8	0.24	15	59	rain
Manchester	1.8	0.03	14	57	shower
Mildenhall	0.1	1.04	15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	2.9	0.01	13	55	shower
Newcastle	-	0.65	11	52	dull
Newquay	3.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Nottingham	-	0.24	12	54	rain
Penzance	5.5	-	19	66	bright
Plymouth	3.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Poole	1.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Scarborough	3.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	3.7	0.33	16	61	sunny
Saunton Snd	1.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Scarborough	-	0.33	11	52	rain
Scilly Isles	3.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Shanklin	x	0.45	15	59	sunny
Southsea	3.4	0.05	16	61	cloudy
Stornoway	8.8	-	13	54	sunny
Swanage	2.2	0.04	15	59	bright
Teignmouth	3.6	-	16	61	cloudy
Tenby	2.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Tiree	10.4	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	2.9	-	16	61	cloudy
Weymouth	2.2	-	15	59	bright
Wick	7.9	0.02	13	55	hail

x denotes not available
These are Tuesday's figures

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.467	2.297
Austria Sch	18.48	16.89
Belgium Fr	56.26	51.95
Canada $	2.152	1.992
Cyprus Cypf	0.782	0.732
Denmark Kr	10.77	9.97
Finland Mrk	9.41	8.61
France Fr	9.13	8.43
Germany Dm	2.627	2.417
Greece Dr	370.00	345.00
Hong Kong $	12.57	11.57
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	3474.00	2319.00
Japan Yen	181.50	162.00
Malta Mtl	0.807	0.552
Netherlands Gld	2.947	2.717
Norway Kr	11.57	10.57
Portugal Esc	263.50	245.00
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	205.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	12.72	11.32
Switzerland Fr	2.552	2.112
Turkey Lira	18600.00	17600.00
USA $	1.835	1.505

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





London 7.43 pm to 6.07 am
Bristol 7.53 pm to 6.17 am
Edinburgh 7.58 pm to 6.18 am
Manchester 7.53 pm to 6.14 am
Penzance 8.04 pm to 6.29 am

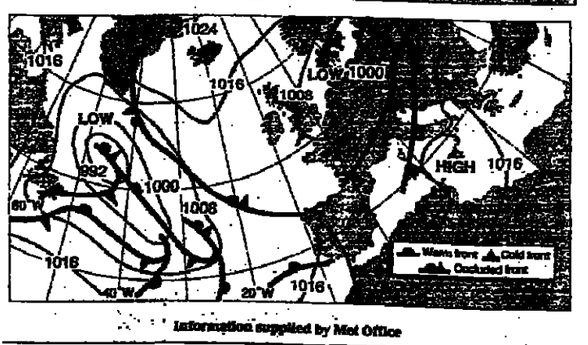
Sun rises: 6.37 am
Sun sets: 7.13 pm
Moon sets: 6.53 pm
Moon rises: 7.08 am
New moon 4.10am

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	f	Guernsey	13	55	f
B'mnghaim	11	52	r	Inverness	11	52	r
Blackpool	12	54	f	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	13	55	f	London	16	61	f
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	10	50	r	Newcastle	10	50	c
Glasgow	11	52	f	R'nldsway	11	52	c

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.24	7.4	2.42	7.5	Liverpool	11.59	9.8	—	—
Aberdeen	1.34	4.8	2.10	4.4	Lowestoft	9.56	2.8	10.41	2.5
Avonmouth	8.03	13.7	8.20	14.1	Margate	—	—	12.36	5.0
Belfast	11.44	3.4	11.58	3.8	Milford Haven	6.54	7.3	7.14	7.8
Cardiff	7.48	12.7	8.05	13.0	Newquay	5.45	7.3	6.04	7.6
Devonport	6.36	5.6	6.52	5.9	Oban	6.34	4.0	6.46	4.4
Dover	11.42	7.0	—	—	Penzance	5.33	5.7	5.48	6.0
Falmouth	6.06	5.4	6.22	5.7	Portland	7.39	2.2	7.56	2.4
Glasgow	1.20	5.1	2.05	4.8	Portsmouth	—	—	12.09	5.0
Harwich	12.22	4.1	12.39	4.1	Shoreham	11.57	6.6	—	—
Holyhead	10.57	5.8	11.14	6.1	Southampton	11.37	4.8	11.51	4.7
Hull	6.49	7.7	7.22	7.5	Swansea	7.05	10.1	7.25	10.5
Ilfracombe	6.42	9.6	7.01	9.8	Tees	4.07	5.7	4.39	5.7
King's Lynn	7.03	7.0	7.40	7.0	W'ton-on-Nze	12.13	4.4	12.29	4.4
Leith	2.57	5.9	3.32	5.8					



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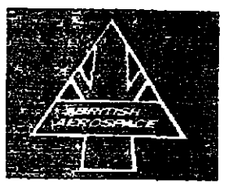
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THE POUND

US $	1.5547 (+0.0107)
German mark	2.4715 (-0.0120)
Exchange index	81.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2989.4 (-38.6)
Dow Jones	3595.64 (-20.12)*
Nikkei Avge	Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month interbank	5⅝-5⅞%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.97-2.96%*
Long Bond	6.05%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5515*	£:$ 1.5515
$:DM 1.5935*	£:DM 2.4653
$:SWfr. 1.3893*	£:SWfr. 2.1550
$:Fr 5.5570*	£:Fr 8.6110
$:Yen 106.25*	£:Yen 164.84
£:SDR 1.0919	£:ECU 1.2890

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 345.25 PM 348.00
Close 347.30-347.80
New York:
Comex 347.75-348.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.3 August (1.7%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Names warned they could face £5bn cash calls

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S names could face cash calls of up to £5 billion within the next 18 months to meet the cost of transferring their old year liabilities into a new company being set up under the Lloyd's of London business plan.

The warning by Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst, is the first indication of names' liabilities in respect of policies relating to 1985 and prior years. Under the business plan, names will be required to put money into Newco, the company expected to be established in 1995, in order to free themselves of the policies' debts. John Rew, Chatset co-founder, said: "We believe that such a demand on current names is unfeasible."

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said yesterday: "We have started the process of establishing the level of reserves Newco needs in order to give names an actual, not a speculative, figure of the price they may need to pay to be shot of their liabilities. If they need to make payments we will match that source of revenue with the crystalisation of claims and ask names to pay the money in instalments."

Chatset also highlighted the extra future financial pressure on names because they still face demands for £1.25 billion of the market's 1990 record loss of £2.915 billion. The problem is exacerbated by Chatset's forecasts of two more years of losses. Based on underwriters' forecasts, the analyst expects losses of more than £1 billion for the 1991 underwriting year and, contrary to other forecasts, a further loss of up to £500 million for 1992. The losses will be due to deterioration of old year accounts. The benefit of the turn in the insurance cycle is not expected to feed through to names in the form of profits until the 1993 underwriting year's result is reported in 1996.

Chatset also said that Lloyd's had problems in passing the trade department's solvency test this year, an assertion Lloyd's denies. Chatset said £1.2 billion had to be earmarked to cover names' 1991 losses, which "is greater than the £1.147 billion in the central fund at the end of 1992, and although £220 million has been subsequently recouped by Lloyd's it does not augur well for next year."

☐ The findings of a Lloyd's investigation into a loss-making Gooda Walker syndicate severely criticises Lloyd's and the syndicate's underwriter. The loss review report into personal stop-loss syndicate 387, which has lost more than £55 million, has been sent to names. The syndicate had particularly high levels of exposure to stop-loss claims due to low levels of reinsurance. In the report, Keiran Poynter, the investigator, states: "Lloyd's should have taken regulatory measures sooner to prevent syndicates accepting a concentration of risk on this scale." He also criticises Derek Walker, the syndicate underwriter, saying one of the principal circumstances giving rise to the losses was an "underwriting approach to writing PSL business which was severely flawed reflecting a lack of understanding by Mr Walker of the complexities and risks of writing PSL business."

Inflation rise puts damper on retail sales

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

■ Prices have risen and sales slackened, so shopkeepers are likely to discount again to bring back customers. Retailers are worried by fragile confidence and tax rises

HEADLINE British inflation rose in August for the second month in a row as battered retailers tried to improve their margins, but their reward was a discouraging month of sales on the high street as consumers balked at paying higher prices.

The retail prices index rose 0.4 per cent in the month, taking the annual headline inflation rate to 1.7 per cent from 1.4 per cent in July. The underlying inflation rate, which excludes mortgage interest payments and is targeted by the government, increased to an annual rate of 3.1 per cent from 2.9 per cent, according to the Central Statistical Office.

Meanwhile, retail sales rose only 0.1 per cent in August, having fallen 0.3 per cent in July. Sales last month were up 3.3 per cent on August last year, a less impressive performance than in July when sales were up 4.2 per cent on the same period in 1992.

Economists and the Retail Consortium argued that the rise in inflation in August and the disappointing performance on the high street in the same month were closely related and provided proof that British consumers were prepared to spend but were extremely price-sensitive.

If this interpretation is correct, retailers are likely to cut prices again to attract customers, suggesting August's rise in retail price inflation is not the start of a sharply rising upward trend.

Hugh Clark, trading policy director at the consortium, said the government "should note the volatility of retail sales, the fragile nature of consumers' confidence and their reluctance to spend on non-essentials. Retailers are expressing great concern about the much-publicised prospect of tax increase proposals in the autumn Budget."

Ian Shepherdson, of Midland Global Markets, believes there is a strong correlation between price rises and consumer spending and that yesterday's inflation and sales figures taken together are a strong argument for lower, not higher, interest rates.

He noted that 0.1 percentage point of the 0.3 of a point rise in the annual headline inflation rate was due entirely to sharp price rises in clothing and footwear. Prices in this category have risen 4.2 per cent since June when retailers cut prices to create demand in the summer sales.

He noted that, in June, when prices were cut back, clothing and footwear sales rose 8.6 per cent in a single month. In July and August, when prices were raised as retailers reacted over-confidently to June's burst of demand, clothing and footwear sales slumped again.

The Retail Consortium's research confirms this story. Clothing sales, having been ahead of last year's levels in July, were lower in August than a year ago. Footwear, too, was down on last August.

The one retail area that appears on a firmly upward trend is household goods, reflecting steady if unspectacular growth in the number of transactions recorded in the housing market. Household goods sales have risen for eight months running, up 8.5 per cent since December, and have accounted for about half the total growth of retail sales, evidence of the key role recovery in the housing market has to play in the overall upturn.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

John Allwood, finance chief, left, and David Montgomery revealed higher profits

Mirror placing imminent

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

A £350 million placing of Mirror Group Newspapers' shares with institutions seems likely to begin with a book-building exercise next week. The administrator of the Maxwell Private Companies, who controls a 54.8 per cent stake on behalf of four banks, is ironing out details.

Cazenove, the City stockbroking firm, has been asked to coordinate the book-building exercise on behalf of John Talbot, the administrator.

David Montgomery, MGN chief executive, announced a first-half recovery in pre-tax profit to £69.9 million (£15.3 million). The figure includes a £36.1 million exceptional credit.

MGN paved the way to the share sale with news that it had renegotiated debt facilities with its seven banks, extending repayment dates by 18 months, to the end of December, 1995. Mr Montgomery said the relaxation of the terms would enable MGN to begin paying modest dividends from next year.

The shares rose 8p, to 186p, on expectations that the 210 million shares would be sold for at least 160p each.

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CBI seeks pay bill clamp

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry yesterday urged private sector business to match the government's new public sector pay restraint by ensuring that productivity increases more than pay.

The move by the CBI — which was highly influential in shaping the new public sector pay policy — is as close as employers are likely to get in trying to replicate across the private sector the likely impact of the government's restraint.

Arguing that the private sector's pay bill had not grown this year, the CBI said, after its monthly council meeting yesterday, that this needed to be maintained. A pay bill freeze is central to the government's new pay strategy in the public sector.

Noting the first fall this year for 30 years in UK unit labour costs, Sir Michael Angus, CBI president, said: "Performance must be kept ahead of pay. This should not be impossible. Inflationary pressures remain weak. Employee expectations are realistic."

Sir Michael said that the government's tight control of its pay bill would influence expectations in the private sector. The CBI believes that this year's 1.5 per cent public sector pay limit shaved about 1 percentage point off private sector settlements, which it says are running at 2.9 per cent in services and 2.3 per cent in manufacturing.

Howard Davies, the CBI director-general, said that the private sector had scope to increase its pay bill, but only if unit labour costs kept falling.

In the 12 months to December, boardroom pay increased by 6.4 per cent. Pay for all employees rose by 6.1 per cent.

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Open minds could bring open skies



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

This morning, leaders of European airlines will gather in Brussels to discuss what should be done to help their industry. Last year, it registered net losses of about £500 million, about a fifth of the industry's worldwide loss, despite reasonably healthy profits from British Airways.

The experts do not have to look far for one solution. In Paris yesterday, Air France, the European Community's biggest state airline, unveiled a doubled loss of £440 million for the first half of the year, 4,000 job losses and a cost-cutting plan described by Bernard Bosson, France's transport minister, as its last chance. Under ignored EC rules, state aid was supposed to have been phased out last year. As Sir Michael Bishop, British Midland's forthright chairman, noted on his way to the airport: "It is no coincidence that the airlines which face the greatest difficulties and have responded least effectively to new competition are those with their national governments as majority or principal shareholders".

Among the crisis measures planned by Bernard Attali, Air France's chairman, are to end unprofitable routes, contract work out, boost ground staff productivity, trim aircrew costs and integrate operations better. If that sounds familiar, it is because British Airways was doing these things more than a decade ago on the way to privatisation. Air France aims to break even in 1995 en route to the private sector. We shall see.

The Brussels hearings, like others last week, aim to advise a committee set up by the European Commission to analyse the industry's ills and suggest possible cures by the end of the year. Like any such EC initiative, as Kenneth Clarke argued on Tuesday, it can go two ways: towards deregulation or protection.

The signs are not entirely happy. The French government, which helped delay an open EC aviation market until 1997, was one of the EC committee's most enthusiastic proponents, seeing it as a counterweight to President Clinton's equivalent committee, which is raising the cause of protection and making life as hard as possible for would-be European entrants into the American market.

M Bosson said with ominous ambiguity yesterday: "We have moved on from a situation of monopoly, which we know leads to decline because of protectionism, to an ultra free market — which leads you only to the law of the jungle".

Were it not for the Commission's tendencies, it would make sense for it to take over Europe's international negotiations. One of the curses of this mutinational business is the Chicago Convention, dating back to 1948, under which routes and landing rights are haggled over in bilateral national government negotiations.

At this moment, both Germany and Britain are stuck in such negotiations with the US. Indeed, the imbalance caused by the convention, due to America having a uniquely vast internal market, constantly bedevils such deals and encourages other countries to maintain state restrictions in self defence. That blights the industry far beyond the Atalantic and Pacific routes and keeps flag carriers as pampered pets of national governments. Fear of America's airlines and exported over-capacity is shared by Japan and other Asian countries. Singapore Airlines has also called for the Chicago convention to be rewritten so that regional "open skies" blocs can be formed and negotiate with each other for mutual open access — although there is always a danger of regional protection if the talks take on the shadow of the endless Gatt round.

Competition need not inevitably bring chaos. The flaw in America's internal reforms was, perhaps, that entry was too cheap for newcomers. In Europe, as minnows such as British Midland know, there is an inbuilt monopoly element in airline slots on busy routes. One of the most painless ways to reform — and reduce rows over new runways — would be to convert the cartels of airport scheduling committees into marketable assets owned by the individual airlines. Instead of tut-tutting, governments and regulators should encourage a trade in landing slots that would make the opportunity cost of routes both apparent and recoverable, help competition and yet guard against over-capacity.

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Spy system quick but courts slow to react to dirty dealing


Sir Andrew: action

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Stock Exchange is increasing its efforts to pin down cases of suspected insider dealing. However, an increase in successful prosecutions remains unlikely in the absence of fresh legislation.

Thanks to a new Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance (Imas) system, the 21-strong team of accountants, former policemen and regulators who comprise the Stock Exchange's Surveillance Department can pick up unusual trades within minutes. Imas, which was developed at a cost of £1 million to £2 million and which went live four months ago, pulls together various sources of electronic financial information.

Imas has built-in triggers that react to suspicious trades, and its arrival has facilitated detection of unusual transactions. Graphs depicting trades by different broker-dealers can be superimposed on details of price, size and volume, making it easier to highlight suspicious cases. As Imas takes in information, it monitors unusual activity and fires an alert to watching analysts, speeding the reaction process thirty-fold. Analysts can be tracking a suspicious trade within two minutes, rather than two hours.

Radical price changes and unusually large trades are two of the triggers. The Stock Exchange, chaired by Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, is working with University College London to fine-tune triggers, to reduce false alarms.

Under present legislation, prosecutions for insider dealing must be pursued through the criminal courts. Often, the exchange can establish who the insider dealers are, but cannot prosecute successfully due to lack of evidence. The most it can do is to give the suspects "a hard time" or alert stockbroking firms to the actions of their employees. Many dealers have lost their jobs as a result of such tip-offs.

Regulators believe that the creation of a central enforcement agency, pulling together the resources of the Stock Exchange and other regulators, is the only way of clamping down effectively on insider dealing and market manipulation. Legislation permitting civil action would improve the chances of getting to grips with suspects.

At present, unless prosecutions are pursued through the courts — typically taking up to four years — it is virtually impossible to take action against individuals, because of lack of evidence: regulators would virtually need to secure a signed confession.

Closer international co-operation is another area that the Stock Exchange is keen to explore. The idea is to link Imas with overseas exchanges to make it more difficult for rogue dealers to "work" the market. Information on French shares traded in London, for instance, could be relayed automatically to regulators in Paris.

Many suspicious trades orginate from shell companies in offshore havens from Jersey to Panama, and locations grow increasingly exotic. Efforts to clamp down on offshore centres have been likened to a bulging balloon: squeeze Jersey and Guernsey swells.

The role of the Surveillance Department, established in 1980 to focus on suspected insider dealing, has grown to cover all types of market manipulation. The team reacts to electronic alerts and acts on intelligence received from other regulators and exchanges, particularly in France and America.

The department defends its "no comment" policy on the grounds that the knowledge that share trades are being investigated could be used as a corporate tool by companies or their advisers. For now, it maintains its silence, and "making life unpleasant" for market rogues is about the worst it can threaten.

EC 'to miss deadline' on ERM bands

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE European Community is highly unlikely to try to return to narrow bands in the exchange-rate mechanism on January 1, the self-imposed deadline decided after wider bands had to be implemented following the July currency crisis.

Dr André Szasz, executive director of the Dutch central bank, said at a conference in London yesterday, to mark the anniversary today of sterling's departure from the ERM, that the European Community would try to rebuild a more disciplined ERM at some stage, but strongly implied that there was no likelihood of a return to the old 2.25 per cent bands on January 1.

Alone among ERM members, The Netherlands struck a bilateral deal with Germany during the crisis meeting on August 1 and is still committed to 2.25 per cent bands. Dr Szasz, one of the contributors to a new book on the currency crisis published yesterday, said: "It is not a question of a date but under what circumstances we should try again."

He said it would take time to restore the necessary credibility with the markets needed to reconstitute the system in anything like its previous form. The most important precondition would be to re-establish control of public sector deficits across Europe and that, he implied, would take a considerable time. He also hinted that, with so many countries failing to meet the Maastricht convergence criteria, it was unlikely the current timetable for the beginning of stage 3 would be adhered to.

His comments echoed those of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, on Tuesday night when he delivered the annual Swiss Bank lecture. Mr Clarke said: "I can't see it [the question of returning to narrow bands] getting high on the agenda. There is certainly no question of Britain joining in."

At the conference yesterday, Sir Alan Walters, who as chief adviser to the then prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, argued strongly against sterling joining the ERM, said: "Ho, ho, ho, I told you so."

He believed that European politicians would try to revive the ERM in something like its old form, perhaps by the middle of next year. He said: "It is currently in the state of a zombie: it is going to get up and walk again, not because of economics but because of politics."

The European Currency Crisis, from booksellers at £27.50, or from publishers Probus Europe, Sheraton House, Castle Park, Cambridge CB3 0AX: £29.50 inc P&P.

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TONY WHITE

John Westhead, left, Bowthorpe chief executive, and Tony Vice, chairman, and found the UK recovery very patchy

Currency helps Bowthorpe to £27m

BOWTHORPE, the electrical and electronics group chaired by Tony Vice, reported interim pre-tax profits up 20 per cent at £26.9 million, thanks partly to £3 million of currency gains (Martin Flanagan writes).

Growth of 18 per cent in the UK and North America was offset by a drop of similar proportions in continental Europe, where recession still bites.

John Westhead, chief executive, said recovery in the UK, where operating profits rose from £4.8 million to £6.9 million, was proving "extraordinarily patchy", with dynamism in areas such as computers and cellular phones but flatness in construction.

The US had proved "stronger than many think", he added. Operating profits there jumped 45 per cent to £9.2 million. Orders were currently 14 per cent up in America compared with last year, and 12 per cent in the UK. The interim dividend for the first six months of 1993 rises 5 per cent to 1.88p on earnings per share up 15 per cent to 9.05p.

Increasing costs keep Savoy hotels in red

THE Savoy Hotel group, which made the first loss in its 104-year history last year, is still in the red. Giles Shepard, managing director of the group, which includes the Savoy, Claridge's, the Berkeley and the Connaught, said the fall in the pound's value had failed to increase the number of foreign guests. The group made a pre-tax loss of £1.75 million for the six months to June 30, virtually the same as the previous year. Turnover rose by 3 per cent, to £37.8 million, against £36.7 million, but the bottom line was hit by higher sales and marketing costs.

While many luxury hotels have been offering discounts of up to half to boost occupancy, Mr Shepard said the Savoy group had tried to add services rather than cut room rates. "If you cut prices for too long, it is very hard to get them back up again," he said. Trading since the end of the first half has been markedly better than last year, the group said.

Triumph for Devro

DEVRO International, the sausage skin maker whose flotation last June was five times oversubscribed, announced that in the six months to end-June it pushed up pro forma pre-tax profits 32 per cent to £12.1 million on sales of £46.3 million. Pro forma earnings per share rose to 6.4p (4.8p). These figures have been calculated on the basis that the post-flotation capital structure had been in place for both periods. Shares rose 4p to 230p, compared with a 170p flotation price.

Calor Group ahead 5%

CALOR Group, distributor of liquefied petroleum gas, reports first-half 1993 pre-tax profits of £27.6 million, up almost 5 per cent on the comparable figure for 1992. In the first half last year, Calor charged £14.8 million of restructuring costs against profits, to leave 1992 interim pre-tax profits at £11.5 million. Turnover was £152.8 million (£164.5 million). Group cash balances remained strong at £25 million, the group said. The dividend is unchanged at 6p.

Bernard Matthews rise

PRE-TAX profits at Bernard Matthews, the meat processing group, rose from £2.1 million to £4.6 million for the six months to July 18. Turnover was up from £65.7 million to £88.9 million because of strong sales of new branded added-value products, such as cooked meats, and a first time contribution from Sarvari-Baromfiipari, the recently acquired Hungarian poultry company. The interim dividend improves from 1p to 1.1p, a rise of 10 per cent.

SR Gent improves

SR Gent, the Yorkshire clothing manufacturer that supplies Marks and Spencer, increased overseas sourcing of garments to 40 per cent of total sales in the year to end-June. In addition, it continued to benefit from a focus on higher-margin products. Pre-tax profits rose to £2.5 million (£2.3 million), with shareholders getting a total dividend of 2.10p (2p) courtesy of a 1.35p final payment. Earnings per share rose to 3.2p (2.4p), and Gent said order books were strong.

Bredero back in black

BREDERO Properties has moved modestly back into the black with pre-tax profits of £11,000 (£4.4 million loss) for the six months to end-June. Under the terms of its bank refinancing agreements, and in the absence of distributable reserves, the board is passing the dividend. The results for Bredero Centre West Ltd, which is undertaking the Phase I Centre West development in Hammersmith, west London, are excluded as a non-consolidated subsidiary.

Air France cuts jobs

AIR France, the state-controlled carrier earmarked for privatisation, plans to dispose of its 57 per cent stake in the Meridien hotel chain, its duty-free Saresco shops and part of Servair, its in-flight meal company. It is also to cut 30 routes and shed 4,000 jobs by the end of 1994. The airline aims to make savings of Fr5.1 billion a year by 1995. In the first half of this year, the net loss more than doubled to Fr3.8 billion, but the airline says it expects to break even in 1995.

Dairy Farm grows

DAIRY Farm, the Hong Kong food group that owns 29 per cent of Britain's Kwik Save supermarket chain, lifted pre-tax profits from US$82.8 million to $91.6 million in the six months to June 30. Turnover was up from $2.3 billion to $2.4 billion. The group said the sales rise was depressed by currency movements and by the transfer of most of its manufacturing operations to a joint venture with Nestlé. The interim dividend is up from 1.48 cents to 1.55 cents.

US growth fails to provide boost for world trade

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

ECONOMIC recovery in America was the main motor of growth in world trade last year, but the 7.7 per cent rise in total value was well below the average for the previous five years, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) said.

The annual report of the Geneva organisation, which called for a quick conclusion of the Uruguay round agreement on freer international trade, said the volume of trade last year rose 5.5 per cent, representing a slight acceleration on 1991. It was, however, below the average of the previous five years.

America led the export growth league among the major trading economies, achieving 8.3 per cent higher exports last year, against 8.1 per cent growth for Japan and 7.8 per cent for the European Community. The fast-growing Asia region boosted exports by 8.2 per cent, benefiting from strong demand for high-tech manufactured goods.

China, whose fast-expanding economy sucked in some $9.4 billion of foreign investment in the first half, a rise of 180 per cent on last year, saw its exports jump 14.2 per cent in 1992. In contrast, the emergent market economies of eastern Europe lifted exports only 0.5 per cent.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector financing arm of the World Bank, said in its annual report that the increasing vigour of private enterprise in the developing world meant demand for IFC finance and services "very considerably" exceeds its ability to supply.

After approving a record $2.1 billion of financing, covering 185 projects in 54 counties, in the year to the end of June, the IFC expects to lift approvals to $2.4 billion this year.

Sir William Ryrie, the outgoing IFC vice-president, said the increasing demand, arising from the shift away from state economic management, means that the IFC would in future have to be more selective in its choice of projects. He noted a substantial increase in demand for infrastructure financing, traditionally been the domain of governments.

Cable will raise Scottish coal burn


Preston: new route

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE proposed £175 million undersea electrical connector between Scotland and Northern Ireland will increase the coal burn at Scottish Power's stations by 600,000 tonnes a year, Allan Richardson, the company's transmission division director, said yesterday.

But the new demand for coal will bring no relief to the 31 English pits facing closure or contraction as it will be met almost wholly from Ayrshire opencast mines.

Scottish Power, where Ian Preston is chief executive, and the newly privatised NI Electricity yesterday announced a proposed new route for the interconnector: 35 per cent of the cost will be met from EC funds with NIE contributing the other 65 per cent. The route is designed to meet environmental concerns and, particularly, to allay the protests of Scottish fishermen.

The route that was first proposed had the Scottish landfall at Bennane Head, in Ayrshire, but the seabed cable trench would have cut through valuable prawn and herring spawning grounds. The two companies now propose the Scottish landfall should be some six miles further south at Currarie Port.

The revised proposals are now to go into the planning process following public consultation, with the interconnector due to be commissioned in 1997. It will be wholly owned by NIE which will contract to purchase Scottish-generated power and will give the province the security of being connected to a larger and more stable grid.

The link will be switchable, however, with Ulster's generating capacity also able to meet demand from Scotland should circumstances require it.

The need to raise its 65 per cent funding for the interconnector is certain to increase both industrial and domestic power costs in Northern Ireland, already criticised by the CBI and some of the heaviest industrial consumers in the province as being some 20 per cent above what their mainland competitors have to bear.



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Statement knocks Allied Lyons

BY OUR CITY STAFF

A RESTRAINED trading statement from Tony Hales, chief executive of Allied-Lyons, sent analysts rushing to downgrade their profit forecasts for the brewing to drinks group.

Mr Hales said performance in the first half, which officially ends on Saturday, had been "mixed" but the group expected to report "modest growth" in earnings per share. Analysts did not like what they heard and immediately cut pre-tax profit forecasts for the full year from more than £700 million to between £680 million and £690 million.

The picture is particularly bleak in the British beer market: weak volumes and intense competition have continued to squeeze margins. Analysts had been hoping that brewing margins, which fell from 7 to 6 per cent last year, might start to rise again in the current year. However, Mr Hales said profits from brewing would be "below our initial expectations".

Allied's pub retailing arm is also facing difficult conditions, with recovery still patchy, and further pressures from reduced pub numbers and indifferent weather. Nevertheless, the group expects profits to be ahead of last year's.

Mr Hales said Hiram Walker, Allied's wine and spirits division, which accounts for about 55 per cent of group trading profit, would be "modestly ahead" in the first half, despite continuing recession in continental Europe and slow recovery in America. The group's brands, which include Ballantine's Scotch whisky, Beefeater gin and Courvoisier cognac, fared better in Britain and emerging markets in Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Far East.

Hiram Walker has targeted these developing markets as its source of future growth and the key to achieving its goal of 20 per cent operating margins by the end of the century.

Allied's share price fell 18p to 575p.

BAe shows first signs of recovery with £20m profit

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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BRITISH Aerospace, Britain's biggest manufacturing company, has begun to deliver the first fruits of its traumatic two-year battle for recovery. The group achieved a £20 million profit before tax during the half year to end-June, compared with a £129 million loss during the same six months last year.

Although only the defence business and Ballast Nedam, the Dutch contracting arm, were in the black, BAe says Rover, the car subsidiary, will return to profit this year and losses from commercial aircraft manufacture have been sharply reduced.

Despite a higher-than-expected first half interest bill, brokers are now predicting a rapid and powerful recovery in profits as restructuring takes effect. Pete Deighton, an analyst at Smith New Court, said: "I think we have got to a significant turning point."

The breakthrough was finally achieved almost two years after mounting losses triggered a £432 million rights issue and a boardroom shake-up. John Cahill, the new-broom chairman, and Richard Lapthorne, the finance director, seem to have secured the financial health of the defence business, whose products range from Tornado fighters to small arms and ammunition, by winning overseas orders to compensate for the worst of the slump in demand from the defence ministry.

Aided by a 9.6 per cent surge in group first half sales, to £5.07 billion, a long-overdue programme of rationalisation and site closures appears to be delivering cost savings. Even in civil aircraft, blighted by a global downturn in demand, BAe has managed to trim its losses. The core civil business, manufacturing 140 pairs of wings a year for the pan-European Airbus Industrie consortium, in which BAe is a partner, should return to profit by the year end.

A final round of disposals and joint ventures is still in the pipeline. These include completion of the regional jet venture with Taiwan Aerospace, a £180 million merger of Ballast Nedam with Boskalis, a Dutch civil engineer, and merger of BAe's Dynamics business with Matra of France to create a £1 billion a year missiles group.

Completion of the Taiwan deal would release provisions needed urgently to resolve the future of BAe's turbo-prop regional aircraft business, which is still losing £10 million a month.

However, Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, said talks are progressing with several potential suitors with a view to a partnership that would help reduce excess capacity around the world.

The most impressive recovery of all, however, is at Rover, the car company bought from the government five years ago. Although Rover recorded an operating loss of £19 million on sales approaching £2 billion in the first half, the company is on course to return to profit this year.

The cornerstone of the car business resurgence is the modernisation of the model range, completed with the launch of the Rover 600 last spring, and the great success of the profitable Land Rover Discovery four-wheel-drive vehicle. Rover was the only large producer to increase European sales in the first half, up 5 per cent, in the face of a 20 per cent market fall.

With break-even in car production now reduced to 400,000 vehicles a year, output is set to reach 230,000 in the second half, after 206,000 during the first six months. That sets the stage for Rover, which will enjoy tax-free profits thanks to years of losses, to become a substantial contributor to group earnings.

Manpower cuts are a key ingredient of recovery. Employee numbers fell by 5,300 to 97,200 during the first half, contributing to a sharp increase in the cash outflow. However, gearing, at 40 per cent, should fall during the second half as the company concentrates on husbanding cash.

Mr Cahill said: "Reduction of the interest charge is a priority and BAe increasingly will be run to cash objectives where there is a trade off between cash and profit whilst the group is in recovery." Interest charges were up by half to £91 million year on year as the company was obliged to meet fixed rate charges on its debts while experiencing falling income on its sizable short-term deposits.

The half-year dividend has been increased by 10 per cent to 3.3p.

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John Cahill, chairman, intends that BAe will increasingly be run to cash objectives while the group is in recovery

Extra £6m over Storehouse deal

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

STOREHOUSE, the BhS to Mothercare retail group, is to make an additional £6 million provision relating to the disposal of its Mothercare stores chain in America more than two years ago.

The provision, to be taken as an exceptional charge, will hit profits in the current year. Analysts had forecast pre-tax profits of about £65 million.

The 205-store Mothercare chain in America was sold in March 1991 to Bain Capital, a venture capital firm, for $11 million, paid partly in cash and partly in loan notes, redeemable from the end of this year. Storehouse is thought to be concerned that the chain, now renamed Mother's Stores, will not meet the repayment schedule.

Current trading across the group remains ahead of last year, in spite of intense competition in the high street, according to Keith Edelman, Storehouse's new chief executive. Sales are up 5 per cent at BhS, although a fall in the performance of the in-store restaurants will reduce overall progress in the chain.

The group said that it was too early to comment on the "One Up" discount format launched in non-prime BhS sites at the end of August. Margins at BhS have been maintained against a backdrop of negligible price inflation.

Mothercare has pushed sales up by 4 per cent, in spite of widespread price reductions to bring the stores in line with cheaper rivals, such as Adams. Margins are expected to be adversely affected in the short term, although some margin will be recouped through tighter management of the supply chain.

Although the group still claims to be on course for "a significant increase" in profits, as forecast by Ian Hay Davison, chairman, at its annual meeting in July, yesterday's statement suggests that overall sales growth is now expected to be slightly below the 5 per cent previously forecast.

Storehouse's share price slipped 7p to 222p at yesterday's close. Paul Morris, a retail analyst at Goldman Sachs, said that the fall was due to "the overall tone of the trading statement" rather than the provision.

ECC prepares the case for demerger

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ENGLISH China Clays is likely to present its case for the planned demerger of its construction materials division, in which capital totalling £300 million is employed, around Christmas, the group said yesterday.

Shares in ECC fell 24p to 410p, after the group announced that interim operating profits, stripped of last year's £4.5 million rationalisation charge and of the 1992 write-down of £11.2 million, had fallen from £56.7 million to £47.8 million.

The announced pre-tax profit for the half year to June 30 was £40.3 million, against £40.8 million, on turnover of £515.1 million (£479.4 million). The interim dividend is held at 6.6p a share.

The group, which in the past three years has made two acquisitions in America costing $650 million, and which earlier this year raised £113.9 million via a one-for-eight rights issue at 350p, says that trading conditions remain difficult in the industrial minerals markets.

However, conditions appear to be right for a gradual improvement in construction-related activities in the UK.

The group said that there have been no changes of note on its share register, and that the three largest shareholders in ECC continue to be institutions.

Polly Pocket and Mighty Max pull Bluebird higher

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

SHARES in Bluebird Toys surged 87p to 438p, after the USM-quoted toy designer, manufacturer and distributor announced a leap in first-half profits.

Despite a subdued UK market, the company managed to boost the pre-tax figure significantly, from £230,000 to £1.99 million in the six months to June 30.

Torquil Norman, chairman, said sales of the company's Polly Pocket miniature dolls continued to grow. The first six months of the year had also seen the successful launch of a Mighty Max doll.

While home sales of Bluebird's toys dipped slightly to £8.1 million, against £8.7 million last time, the Polly Pocket doll and Mighty Max contributed to a leap in overseas sales to £15.6 million, up from £8.68 million.

The depreciation of sterling against the US and Hong Kong dollars also helped the increase.

Mr Norman said the more sluggish UK picture was affected by big clearance sales in 1992, in which stocks were disposed of at a loss.

Earnings per share rose from 4.2p to 14.7p.

Mr Norman sounded an upbeat note on prospects. "We have made an excellent start to the year," he said, "and we look forward to continued growth in the second half, as well as a good result for 1993 as a whole."

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Torquil Norman is confident of further growth

Rank opts for Florida expansion

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE Rank Organisation and MCA, part of Matsushita of Japan, have put on hold their search for a theme park site in Europe and have decided instead to spend between $2 billion and $3 billion expanding their theme park in Florida near the huge Disney attraction at Orlando.

The news has come as Disney grapples with losses and financial problems at its Paris theme park and concern grows over the safety of overseas tourists in Florida after a spate of violent crime .

Florida has temporarily suspended tourist advertising until, in the words of one official, "the whole thing cools down". Rank said it that was not concerned by Florida's bad publicity of late and that it was taking a long-term view.

Rank said that the plans, for which Steven Spielberg is the creative consultant, still depended on local approval, conclusion of a detailed creative scheme, agreement on the development budget, and arrangements for financing.

Senior Rank directors gave a presentation yesterday in Orlando on plans to develop a further 600 acres of land that Universal Studios Florida, the Rank-MCA joint venture, owns.

The plans include a second theme park, a night-time entertainment centre, hotels, and conference centres. Construction is not expected to begin until 1995-6 at the earliest.

Co-op cashes in on its ethics

BY SARA MCCONNELL
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EVEN high moral profiles need promoting. The Co-operative Bank, which hit the headlines last year with its ethical banking policy, spent 10 per cent more in the first six months of this year than over the same time last year, much of it in television and press advertising for its ethical stance.

Announcing half-year figures, Terry Thomas, managing director said: "The bank's ethical policy has been widely promoted ... it highlights the bank's principles of high integrity and social reponsibility and is clearly attractive to well-defined sections of the populace. The ethical policy has heightened awareness of the bank and its considerable strengths. Hundreds of supportive letters have been received."

Refusing to offer financial services to tobacco companies, offer loans to arms manufacturers or invest in companies experimenting with animals or using factory farming methods has not done the Co-op any harm. Pre-tax profits for the first half were £8.1 million, up 81 per cent. Operating income for the period was up 8 per cent to £119.4 million. This was partly because of the Co-op's other headline-grabbing move, the "free for life" gold card and Robert Owen card. Mr Thomas said both had showed solid growth.

Bad debt provision was down 14 per cent, because of reduced exposure to commercial lending and fewer bad debts from the personal banking side, particularly on cards.

Logically for an "ethical" bank, the Co-op has also announced its first ethical unit trust, aimed at trustees of charities and pension funds who want to support the environment and avoid tobacco manufacturers, animal exploitation and arms sales to oppressive regimes. The trust will be managed by CIM Fund Managers, the Co-op's fund management arm. It will invest in the shares of a list of ethically acceptable UK companies compiled by the Ethical Investment Research Service (Eiris), the specialist research firm, using criteria chosen by the bank. The bank would not reveal which names were on the list but said the fund managers would have about 350 stocks to choose from. The list will be reviewed periodically and companies excluded from it will have a chance to make a case for review.

If this trust is successful, the bank may introduce an ethical trust for private investors using similar environmental and ethical criteria. Mr Thomas said: "It would be a logical step to introduce an ethical trust for retail investors. It depends how successful this trust is. This country is not as alert to ethical trends as others like the US, for example."



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Poor economic figures knock £8.8bn off share values

STOCK MARKET

MORE than £8.8 billion was wiped off London share values as disappointing inflation and retail sales figures dashed hopes of a near-term cut in domestic interest rates.

Despite a positive start, shares headed sharply lower in nervous trade. Another weak start on Wall Street and worries about corporate earnings encouraged a wave of profit-taking on the first anniversary of sterling's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism.

A flood of mixed to poor company results dampened enthusiasm, while the dull inflation and sales figures prompted a futures-inspired sell-off. Technical factors also depressed trading, as arbitrageurs continued to unwind their positions before the expiry of September futures contracts tomorrow.

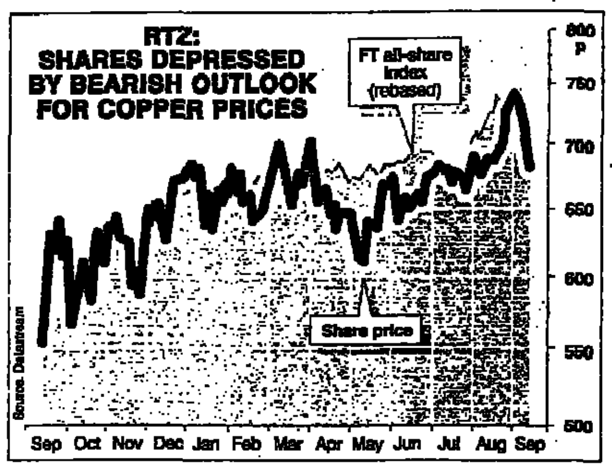
The FT-SE 100 index fell below the key 3,000 level, sliding 38.6 points to 2,989.4. Traders said the next support level was at 2,950, where investors might be tempted back. Volume reached 741.8 million shares.

Stores were depressed by weak retail sales figures. **Argos** fell 7p to 342p, **Boots** 5p to 486p and **Marks and Spencer** 8½p to 381p. But **Kingfisher** firmed 2p to 647p, as analysts reassessed the group's recent interims.

Storehouse, which was making presentations to institutions and analysts, lost 7p to 222p as the BhS to Mothercare group said it planned to make an additional £6 million provision against this year's profits to cover reorganisation costs at Mothercare.

British Aerospace was in the spotlight after announcing a return to the black after two years of losses. But its shares tumbled 26p to 394p as £20 million interim profits came in at the lower end of City forecasts. This prompted sympathetic losses among other engineering groups, with **Smiths Industries** down 8p at 369p and **TI Group** off 8p at 340p. **GEC** fell 7p to 333p, depressed by fears that it had lost a £150 million British Rail order for trains.

Glaxo was an early bright spot after the US Food and Drug Administration failed to agree on production of generic versions of asthma treatments using inhalers. That is good news for Ventolin, Glaxo's second best-selling drug. But Glaxo shares gave up a 13p rise to close down 1p at 624p. **Medeva**, seen as a potential beneficiary of generic drugs, lost 9p to 106½p.



ICI fell 14p to 722p as profit-takers cashed in on its recent advance. James Capel advised clients to switch from ICI into **BOC**, which is perceived by Capel to have better yield prospects than ICI. BOC slid 6p to 630p.

British Steel, buoyed after analysts met the company on Tuesday night, strengthened 4p to 110p, on heavy volume of 24 million. UBS was said to be a buyer of the stock, based on optimism about the progress of a European Commission plan to restructure the steel industry.

Lehman Brothers, Goldman Sachs and Warburg were said to be sellers of **RTZ**, down 20p to 676p: the mining conglomerate was depressed by a gloomy outlook for copper and the recent fall in the gold price. Goldman said it had cut its estimates for 1994-5 copper prices, a vital component in the company's earnings, and Lehman said it had downgraded its 1993 earnings forecast for RTZ.

Goldman's New York office has reduced its estimate on copper prices to an average of 80 cents a pound for 1994, against a previous 85 cents, and now forecasts an average 75 cents a pound for 1995. It is estimated that a 10 per cent fall in copper prices would hit RTZ's full-year earnings by about £53 million.

USM-quoted **Bluebird Toys** was a bright spot, surging 87p to 438p after a jump in interim profits and an upbeat statement about the second half. Traders expect the shares to go higher.

A jump in first-half profits helped **Mirror Group Newspapers** to advance 8p to 186p. There was also talk, possibly mischievous, that a long-awaited placing of the receivers' stake had been withdrawn. Dealers said a placing of 200 million shares at 160p was rumoured to have been pulled but might go ahead after the extraordinary meeting on September 23, possibly at a higher price.

Reuters, which is fresh from presentations to brokers and fund managers in New York, fell 31p to £15.49 as profit-takers moved in. **Allied-Lyons** told analysts and investment institutions that trading in the first half, to mid-September, had been in line with expectations, but the shares fell 12p to 581p on concern about a decline in the UK beer market.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Disappointing inflation figures triggered a bout of selling in the gilts market, with losses stretching to more than two points at the long end. The December series of the **long gilt** ended down £1 26/32 at £111 16/32, on a heavy volume of 107,000 contracts. Dealers reported selling of the future to hedge against long positions in the cash market as the equity market fell. **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** lost 29 ticks to £112; **Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017** dived 67 ticks, to £114 28/32.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

News Corp cleared to buy New York Post

THE Manhattan federal bankruptcy court has given clearance for the sale of the *New York Post* to The News Corporation, ultimate owner of *The Times*. Transfer of ownership is expected by the end of this month for about $25 million. Approving the sale, Judge Burton Lifland said the *Post* was "an institution and a significant factor in the economy and spirit of the community".

Patrick Purcell, president and chief executive officer of News Corporation's News America Publishing and publisher of the *Post*, said: "This is a great day in the history of the *New York Post*, America's oldest continuously published daily newspaper." A company statement said the sale will be completed following ratification of three new union contracts and successful conclusion of negotiations over the lease of the *Post's* building.

De Beers cuts jobs

DE BEERS has confirmed that it is cutting the labour force at its industrial diamond processing plant in Shannon, in the Irish Republic, by 106 as part of a wider cutback within the industrial diamond division. The Irish plant employs 800. The workforce at the Isle of Man operation has already been trimmed by 14 from 59. De Beers blames the recession and increasing competition.

Waterford Foods up

WATERFOOD Foods, the Irish dairy group, reported a sharp rise in pre-tax profit, from Ir£8.7 million to Ir£11.4 million (£10.7 million), for the six months to June 30. It was helped by contributions from Express Foods Ireland and Premier Dairies, acquired last year. Turnover also rose strongly, from Ir£249.9 million to Ir£338.5 million. The interim dividend is increased from 1.15p to 1.19p.

TML chief to retire

JACK Lemley is to retire at the end of the year as chief executive of TransManche Link (TML), the group building the Channel tunnel, when the project is officially finished. Mr Lemley will retire after the project is handed over on December 10 to Eurotunnel, which is responsible for operating the train services on the route. He will be replaced by Haro Bedelian, deputy chief executive of Balfour Beatty.

Taylor Nelson ahead

PRE-TAX profit at Taylor Nelson, Britain's largest market research group, leaped from £988,000 to £1.5 million for the six months to June 30, a rise of 57 per cent. The result was boosted by contributions from acquisitions and from new services such as Optima, a computer-based brand strategy tool. The group is confident about second-half prospects. The interim dividend is lifted from 0.10p to 0.13p.



Joe Darby, the chief executive of Lasmo, which has reduced its overheads by 20 per cent to £14 million

Lasmo sees little hope for short-term profitability

By Colin Campbell

LASMO, the oil and gas exploration group, said yesterday that profitability would remain depressed in the short term. Joe Darby, chief executive, said that overheads had been reduced by 20 per cent to £14 million, although the full benefits would not be evident until 1994, and that a further 20 per cent reduction in overheads was being aimed for.

However, he added: "Given our cost structure, and against a background of currently low oil prices, we are struggling to make profits because we remain saddled with a high depreciation charge. Profitability will, however, recover strongly as a result of investments in new development."

Lasmo reported a £77 million (£62 million) operating profit for the six months to June 30 and an interim pre-tax profit of £72 million, compared with an interim 1992 loss of £202 million. The 1992 result included losses on the disposal of businesses.

The net cash inflow from operations rose from £42 million to £93 million. Lasmo, which acquired Ultramar in 1991 in a £1 billion deal, has realised total disposal proceeds of £1 billion, of which £750 million related to Ultramar assets. Further peripheral asset disposals are planned.

Disposal proceeds in the first half of 1993 were £213 million, on which a £14 million profit was earned, compared with proceeds of £61 million in the first half of 1992, on which the profit was £11 million. Gearing fell from 111 per cent to 70 per cent.

Lasmo was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in June, and American investors now hold an estimated 15 per cent of the equity. In Britain, Lasmo is finalising arrangements for its 30 per cent share of the costs of the £1.13 billion Liverpool Bay project.

Realised oil and gas prices in the first half averaged $17.66 a barrel ($18.41), which translated into a sterling price of £11.77 a barrel (£10.34).

Lasmo participated in 23 exploration and appraisal wells during the first half of 1993, spending £45 million. The year's exploration and appraisal spending is expected to be £80 million compared with £141 million in 1992.

To redress the balance between dividend payments, the 1993 interim dividend is 1.3p (2.3p). A 2p final is indicated, which would make an unchanged 3.3p for the year.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

EVEREST FOODS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.1m (£3.3m)
EPS: 5.5p (10.06p)
Div: 2.5p (2.4p)
Demand for products deteriorated in second half and fire in April affected trade. Turnover is now increasing in all divisions

CALA (Fin)
Pre-tax: £226,000
EPS: 1.98p (3.44p loss)
Div: 2.3p (2.3p)
Loss last time £980,000. All 3 housebuilding businesses now trading profitably and dividend is almost covered

ROSKEL (Int)
Pre-tax: £528,000
EPS: 2.23p (2.91p)
Div: 1.3p (1.3p)
Trading unlikely to improve in short term but profits should grow in medium term. Profit last time £652,000

OLIVER (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.2m loss
EPS: 8.86p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Loss last time £4.9m and loss per share 19.28p. Paul Ryan of Mothercare joins as finance director

RECORD HLDS (Int)
Pre-tax: £984,000
EPS: 1.76p (1.22p)
Div: 1.15p (1.15p)
Profit up from £809,000. Trading conditions not improved and benefit of sterling fall shortlived

TRY GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £68,000
EPS: 0.08p (0.71p)
Div: 0.5p (0.5p)
Profit down from £380,000. No impact from economic recovery and profit margins remain thin

LAMBERT HOWARTH (Int)
Pre-tax: £780,000
EPS: 9.8p (16.9p)
Div: 4.5p (4.25p)
Profit halved from £1.52m. Sales level underpinned by identified customer demand and will show further improvement

OIS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.4m
EPS: 3.2p
Div: 0.7p
Newly formed company floated end of last year so no comparable figures. Margins held and interest charges reduced

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Lambert	325p (+10p)
Sage Group	420p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Rank Org	773p (-21p)
Linton Park	250p (-30p)
M&G	949p (-14p)
S&U	315p (-11p)
Provident	410p (-10p)
Allied-Lyons	575p (-18p)
Bass	479p (-13p)
Grand Met	418p (-13p)
ADT	615p (-13p)
ICI	722p (-14p)
Siebe	513p (-10p)
Britannic	472p (-10p)
Oriel	104p (-10p)
Euro Disney	678p (-10p)
Br Aerospace	394p (-26p)
Shell	648p (-11p)
Rothmans 'B'	646p (-15½p)
Eurotunnel Uts	480p (-17p)
Br Airways	355p (-10p)
BICC	405p (-11p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	105	-3
Bakyrchik (120)	129	-2
Beta Viet Nam Units	£35¼	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	171	-5
Crockfords (90)	95	...
Explaura A	4	...
For & Col Special Inc	68¼	-½
For & Col Spl Capital	42½	-½
For & Col Spl Units	111	-1
Lazard Hi Inc Tst	108	-1
Nouvelle A	5½	...
Raglan Warrants	34½	-2½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Albrighton n/p (17)	1	...
Arlen n/p (21)	16	+2
CRH n/p (Ir260)	27	...
Cadbury Schw n/p (400)	54	-8
Crockfords n/p (90)	1	-1
Lilleshall n/p (125)	21	...
RR n/p (130)	11½	-2
Usborne n/p (19)	¼	...
Wickes n/p (88)	17	+2

Dow lower at midday

New York — Wall Street shares continued to trade much lower at midday, with selling increased by the approach of the Jewish new year today and the uncertainty of tomorrow's triple-witching. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 20.12 at 3,595.64.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed firmer, but lost most of their morning gains on profit-taking spurred by political and regulatory concerns. The Hang Seng finished up 14.92, or 0.20 per cent, at 7,488.77. It had been up 67.17 earlier. Brokers said that investors were concerned that China and Britain were hardening their stances in talks over the colony's future.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Share prices drifted lower towards the end of a lacklustre session for the weakest close since August 3. The Dax lost 20.18, to 1,860.39.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed lower on profit-taking. Straits Times industrial index fell 11.14, to 2,001.35.

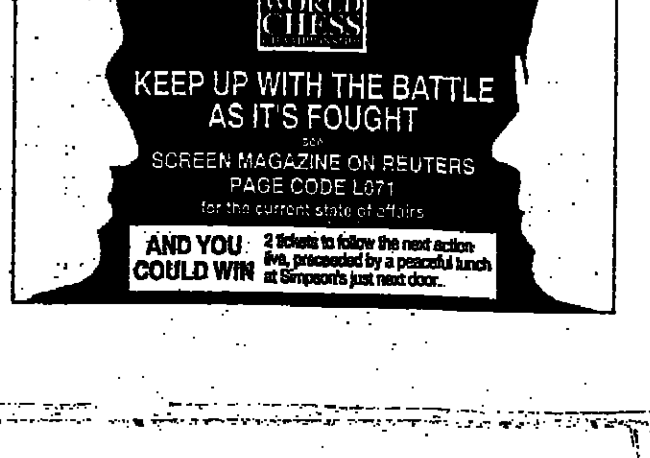
☐ **Sydney** — Shares continued their downward correction. The all-ordinaries index ended 9.3 down, at 1,903.6. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 15 midday	Sep 14 close
AMP Inc	64¾	64¾
AMR Corp	63¾	64¾
Abbott Labs	26¾	26¾
Aetna Life	59¾	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	20
Air Prod & Chem	40¾	40
Albertson's	53¾	53¾
Alcan Alumnm	19¾	19¾
Alco Standard	45¾	46
Allied Signal	72¾	72¾
Alum Co of Am	70¾	71¼
Amax	23¾	23¾
Amerada Hess	50¾	50¾
Amer Brands	32¾	32¾
Amer Cyanamid	53¾	53¾
Amer El Power	39¾	40
Amer Express	33¾	33¾
Amer Genl Corp	34¾	35
Amer Home Pr	62¾	63¾
Amer Intl	99¾	99¾
Amer Stores	45	45¾
Amer T & T	59¾	60¾
Ameritech	88	88¾
Amoco	57¾	58¾
Anheuser-Busch	47¾	47¾
Apple Computer	24	24¾
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	8¾	8¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	38¾	39¾
Asarco	18	17¾
Ashland Oil	33	33¾
Atl Richfield	114¾	114¾
Auto Data Pro	48¾	48¾
Avery Dennison	28¾	28¾
Avon Products	50¾	50¾
Baker Hughes	23¾	23¾
Baltm Gas & El	26¾	26¾
Banc One	41¾	41¼
BankAmerica	47¾	47¾
Bank of NY	54¾	54¾
Bankers Tr NY	79¾	80
Barnett Banks	44¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	46¾	46¾
Baxter Intl	21¾	21¾
Becton Dicknsn	34¾	35¾
Bell Atlantic	63¾	64¾
BellSouth	61¾	62¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	39¾	40¾
Boeing	39¾	40¾
Boise Cascade	21	21¼
Borden Inc	18¼	18¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¾	58
Browning Ferris	22¾	22¾
Burlington Nthn	53	53¾
CBS	282	283¾
CNA Financial	86¾	86
CPC Intl	44	44¾
CSX	78	78
Campbell Soup	37¾	38¾
Can Pacific	15¼	15¾
Cpd Cities ABC	535¾	533
Cpd Holdings	43¼	43¼
Carolina Pwr	34	34¼
Caterpillar	79	79¾
Central & SW	33¾	33¾
Champion Intl	31¼	31¼
Chase Manhat	35¼	35
Chemical Bk	43¾	43¾
Chevron Corp	90¾	91¼
Chrysler	44¼	44¾
Chubb Corp	88¾	89¾
Cigna Corp	65	65¾
Citicorp	35¾	35¾
Clorox	53¾	53¾
Coastal Corp	27	27¾
Coca Cola	43¾	44¾
Colgate-Palmolive	53	53
Columbia Gas	25¾	26¾
Commonw Ed	31¼	31¼
Compaq Comp	56¾	56¾
Comp Ass Intl	29¾	29¾
ConAgra	24¾	24¾
Cons Edison	36¾	37¾
Cons Nat Gas	53	53¾
Cons Rail	52¾	53¾
Cooper Inds	50¾	51
Corning Inc	32¾	32¾
Crown Cork	34¾	34¾
Dana Corp	54¾	54¾
Dayton Hudson	65¾	65¾
Deere	69¾	70
Delta Air Lines	52¾	52¾
Deluxe Corp	37¾	37¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	38¾	40
Dillard Dept St	34¾	34¾
Disney (Walt)	38¾	40¾
Dominion Res	48¾	49¾
Donnelley (RR)	29¾	30¾
Dover Corp	54¾	55¾
Dow Chemicals	59¾	59¾
Dow Jones	31¼	31¼
Dresser	21¼	21¾
Duke Power	44	44¾
Dun & Bradstreet	60¾	60¾
Du Pont	48¾	48¾
Eastman Kodak	60¾	61
Eaton Corp	49¾	50¾

	Sep 15 midday	Sep 14 close
Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	40	40¾
Enron Corp	35¾	35¾
Entergy Corp	39	39¾
Ethyl Corp	18¾	18¾
Exxon	65¾	65¾
FMC Corp	49¾	49¾
FPL Group	40¾	40¾
Federal Express	57¾	55¾
Fed Nat Mtge	76¾	76¾
First Chicago	46¾	47¾
First Interstate	63	63¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Fnl Grp	32¾	32¾
Fluor Corp	43¾	43¾
Ford Motor	53¾	53¾
GTE Corp	37	36¾
Gannett	49¾	49¾
Gap Inc Del	26¾	27¾
Gen Dynamics	96¾	96¾
Gen Electric	97¾	97¾
Gen Mills	61¼	62¾
Gen Motors	45¾	45¾
Gen Reinsurance	129¾	130¾
Gen Signal	32¾	32¾
Genuine Parts	37¾	37¾
Georgia Pac	61¼	61¼
Gillette	53¾	53¾
Glaxo ADR	19¾	19¾
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	46¾
Goodyear Tire	44	44¾
Grace (W&R)	36¾	37¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29¾	30
Great Wstn Fin	19	19¾
Halliburton	37¾	37¾
Harcourt General	41¼	41¼
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	37
Hercules	87¾	87¾
Hershey Foods	50¾	51¼
Hewlett Packard	68¾	68¾
Hilton Hotels	48¾	48¾
Home Depot	38¾	36¾
Homestake Mng	16¾	15¾
Honeywell	36	36¾
Household Intl	77¾	78
Houston Inds	46¾	46¾
Humana	12¾	12¾
ITT Corp	93¾	93¾
Illinois Tool	39¾	39¾
INCO	19¾	20
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	39
Inland Steel	26¾	27¾
Intel Corp	63¾	63¾
IBM	43¾	43¾
Intl Flav & Fr	113	113
Intl Paper	62	62¾
James River Va	21	21¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¾	39¾
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	53¾	52¾
Kerr-McGee	52¾	52¾
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	49¾
Knight-Ridder	53¾	53¾
Lilly (Eli)	47¾	48¾
Limited Inc	20¾	21¼
LIN Brdcstng	117¾	118¾
Lincoln Nat	46¾	47¾
Litton	61¼	61¼
Liz Claiborne	20¾	20¾
Lockheed Corp	62¾	62¾
Louisiana Pac	33¾	33¾
MCI Commun	28¾	28¾
Marriott	27¾	27¾
Marsh & McLnn	89¾	90¾
Masco Corp	30¾	31¼
May Dept St	42¾	43
Maytag Corp	16¾	16¾
McCaw Cellular	53¾	54¼
McDonalds	54¾	54¾
McDonnell D	86¾	86¾
McGraw Hill	66¾	67
Mead Corp	46¾	46¾
Medtronic	61¾	61¼
Mellon Bk	55¾	55¾
Melville Corp	42¾	43
Merck Inc	31¼	32¾
Merrill Lynch	95¾	96¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¾
Mobil Corp	77¾	77¾
Monsanto	64¼	65
Morgan (JP)	75¾	75¾
Motorola Inc	91¼	90¾
Natl Medical	7¾	7¾
Natl Semi	20	19¾
Natl Service Ind	25¾	25¾
Navistar Inx	21¼	21¼
NBD Bancorp	32¾	33
NY Times A	23¾	23¾
Newmont Mng	45¾	44¾
Niag Mohawk	24¾	25
Nike B	48¾	50
NL Industries	5¾	6
Nordstrom	29¾	30¾
Norfolk Sthrn	67¾	67¾
Nthn State Pwr	47¾	47¾
Norwest Corp	26¾	27¾
Nynex Corp	95	95¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	25¾	25¾
Oracle Systems	48¾	48¾

	Sep 15 midday	Sep 14 close
Oryx Energy Co	21¼	21¼
Owens Corning	41¼	41¼
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	68	68¾
Paccar Inc	63	63
Pacificorp	19¾	20¾
Pac Enterprises	26¾	26¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	33¾
Pac Telesis	54¾	56
Pall Corp	19¾	19¾
Panhandle East	24¾	25¾
Paramnt Comm	62¾	63¾
Parker Hannifin	33¾	33¾
Penney (JC)	41	41¼
Pennzoil	62	63¾
Pepsico	41	41
Pfizer	61¼	63¾
Phelps Dodge	42¾	42
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	46¾	47¾
Phillips Pet	31¼	31¼
Pitney Bowes	38	38¾
Polaroid	35¾	36¾
Price Co	35¾	36¾
Primerica	46	46¾
Procter & Gmbl	47¾	47¾
Pub Serv E & G	35¾	35¾
Quaker Oats	69¾	70
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	42	42
Raytheon	65¾	62¾
Reebok Intl	24¾	24¾
Reynolds Metals	45	45¾
Roadway Srvcs	59¾	59
Rockwell Intl	35¾	36¾
Rohm & Haas	52¾	52¾
Royal Dutch	99¾	100¾
Rubbermaid	34¾	34¾
Safeco Corp	63¾	63¾
St Paul's Cos	92	92
Salomon Inc	49¾	50¾
Santa Fe Pac	17¾	18¾
Sara Lee Corp	25¾	25¾
Scecorp	25	25
Schering Plough	61¼	61¼
Schlumberger	64¾	64
Scott Paper	33	33¾
Seagram	26¾	26¾
Sears Roebuck	56¼	55¾
Shell Trans	60¾	61¼
Sherwin Wlms	33¾	34¾
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	41¼	41
Southern Co	45	45¾
Snwestern Bell	44¾	43¾
Sprint Corp	35¾	36
Stanley Works	41¼	41¼
Sun Company	27¾	28
Suntrust	43	42¾
Supervalu	35¾	35¾
Syntex Corp	18¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	28¾	28¾
TRW Inc	63¾	64¾
Tandem Comp	9¾	9¾
Tandy Corp	34¾	35¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	42¾	42¾
Tenneco	52¾	53¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	75¾	75¾
Texas Utilities	47¾	47¾
Textron	55¾	55¾
Time Warner	41¾	42
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	59	59¾
Toys R Us	34¾	35¾
Transamerica	59¾	59¾
Travelers Corp	35¾	36¾
Tribune	51¾	51¾
Tyco Labs	43¾	43¾
UAL Corp	142¾	142¾
UST Inc	27¾	27¾
USX Marathon	19¾	19¾
Unilever NV	108¾	108¾
Union Camp	43¾	44
Union Carbide	18¾	18
Union Pacific	61¾	62¾
Unisys Corp	11¼	11¼
USAIR Group	13¾	13¾
USF&G Corp	18	18¾
US Life	42¾	42¾
US West	48¾	48¾
United Tech	56¾	56¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	27¾	28¾
VF Corp	43¾	44¾
WMX Tech	31¾	31¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24¾
Warner-Lambert	66¾	66¾
Wells Fargo	117¾	118¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	39¾	39¾
Whirlpool	61¼	63¾
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	59¾	59¾
Woolworth	25¾	25¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43¾	43¾
Xerox	70¾	71¼

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LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Stephen Lonsdale Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HY on 27 September 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following:
(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the administrative receiver by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU.
(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receiver.
8 September 1993
A R Bloom
Administrative Receiver

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TRULY CLASSIFIED LIMITED
T/A CREED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY on 27th September 1993 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 (2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Cotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 27th August 1993.
By order of the Board
J F Donegan, Director.

J. Jerome (Haulage) Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Chastrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5LF on 22 September 1993 at 11.30am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated 14 September 1993
By Order of the Board
R Lang, Director.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ATLANTIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS PLC
(IN LIQUIDATION)
The liquidators of Atlantic Computer Systems PLC give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company within 4 months of the date of this notice.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the liquidators John Francis Soden and Richard Claude Boys-Stones of Price Waterhouse at Number 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 1 November 1993 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.
Date 14 September 1993
R C Boys-Stones, Joint Liquidator

ROXBURGHE BANK LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of creditors of Roxburghe Bank Limited will be held at Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD on 30 September 1993 at 2.30pm under the provisions of section 23 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the administrators' proposals and if creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
15 September 1993
A V Lomas
Joint Administrator

SCHAFLINE LIMITED
Take notice that the undersigned, JOHN CHARLES HEATH and PHILLIP ANTHONY ROBERTS of Haines Watts 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU were appointed Joint Liquidators of SCHAFLINE LIMITED by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 27 August 1993.
John Charles Heath
and Phillip Anthony Roberts
Joint Liquidators.

The Insolvency Act 1986
STEALTH INTERNATIONAL LTD. (In Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that Grant M Jones, LLB, ACA, MICM, MSPI of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ was appointed liquidator of the above on 13 September 1993
FURTHER the creditors of the above are required on or before the 12 November 1993 to detail their names and addresses (and solicitors if applicable) together with particulars of their debts or claims, in writing, or in person, to the liquidator, and as specified by the liquidator. In default thereof they will be excluded from any benefit arising from the liquidation.
Dated this day of 13 September 1993
Grant M Jones, Liquidator.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of Elsie Felicia Christina De Gana
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY-220901A/2-CD(Lds3). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 4.106(1) THE BONELESS MEAT CO. LIMITED
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Christopher Guy Adams, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of C.G. Adams Associates, 18 Cavendish Square, London, W1M 9DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on 3rd September 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement or invitation to prove debts will be given.
DATED 6th September 1993.
C.G. Adams, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Sigeon Gray Designs Limited
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 9 September 1993 I, Lynn Gibson was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Members and by the Creditors of the Company.
Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on before 7th October 1993.
Lynn Gibson, Joint Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AI FOODHALLS LIMITED
Company Number: 1602640
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of the said Act that on 8 September 1993 Paul M Davis and Derrick S Woolf office holder numbers 007806 and 002969 respectively, of Levy Gee and Partners, 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named Company by Securum UK Limited pursuant to a Debenture dated 1 June 1990 conferring Fixed and Floating Charges over the assets and undertaking of the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BROADLEY, DONALD FREDERICK BROADLEY late of Wimbledon, London SW19 died at Merton, Surrey on 5 August 1988
(Estate about £8,000)
BRZOZOWSKI, FRANCISZEK BRZOZOWSKI late of Waltham Abbey, Essex died at Harlow, Essex on 16 February 1993
(Estate about £100,000)
CHAPMAN, YVONNE BLANCHE CAVENDISH CHAPMAN otherwise YVONNE BLANCHE ANNE CHAPMAN otherwise YVONNE ANNE CHAPMAN otherwise ANNE CHAPMAN SPINSTER late of Finsbury, London EC1 died there on 19 March 1993
(Estate about £90,000)
DOUGLAS, THOMAS LAING GRAY DOUGLAS late of Stratford, London E15 died at Leytonstone, London E11 on 20 July 1990
(Estate about £30,000)
ILLIANO, ROBERT CLIFFORD ILLIANO late of Bristol, Avon died there on 25 June 1992
(Estate about £80,000)
JONES, THOMAS HENRY JONES late of Swansea, West Glamorgan died there on 7 February 1993
(Estate about £36,800)
O'MAHONY, DANIEL O'MAHONY late of Wood Green, London N22 died there on 25 March 1992
(Estate about £8,000)
O'CALLAGHAN otherwise KEEN nee BRACKEN, SARAH ANN O'CALLAGHAN otherwise SARAH ANN KEEN otherwise SARAH KEEN nee BRACKEN WIDOW late of Notting Hill, London W11 died at Ealing, London W5 on 5 March 1991
(Estate about £7,000)
QUINN, WILLIAM ALFRED QUINN late of Nuneaton, Warwickshire died there on 16 April 1991
(Estate about £20,000)
SHELTON, JOHN BENJAMIN THOMAS SHELTON late of Witney, West Oxfordshire died there on 15 January 1992
(Estate about £6,500)
SIMMONS, REGINALD SIMMONS otherwise REGINALD JOHN SIMMONS late of Reading, Berkshire died there on 1 August 1992
(Estate about £6,000)
SHEPHERD, EDWIN SHEPHERD late of Stourbridge, West Midlands died at Dudley, West Midlands on 21 April 1986
(Estate about £5,400)
WENMAN, WINIFRED ELEANOR WENMAN SPINSTER late of Peckham Rye, London SE15 died there on 30 December 1992
(Estate about £23,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

To: SHEN KEE
Of: 39 Devonport, London SW1
TAKE NOTICE that a statutory demand has been issued by:
Name of Creditor: GRAFTON SECURITIES LIMITED
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Why John Major lost the costly ERM poker game

Britain's decision to link the pound to the mark at an unsustainable rate was a mistake that destroyed the ERM, Anatole Kaletsky argues



Norman Lamont, as Chancellor, under pressure on White Wednesday

The anniversary of White Wednesday seems an appropriate time to say *mea culpa*. On the night of September 16, when other newspapers were describing the greatest economic catastrophe to befall Britain in peacetime, *The Times* argued that leaving the ERM would trigger an economic recovery without much inflation, and I was lucky enough to guess that base rates, would be down to 7 per cent by Christmas.

That was the easy part. It was almost as easy to see the inevitability of Britain's expulsion from the very first day, when Britain entered the ERM on October 5, 1990. Much harder was to foresee exactly when, how and why Britain would be forced to devalue.

Right up to the general election, I remained convinced that sterling would be devalued. But after John Major had won the election, even I began to question my judgment. For a crucial few months, I became convinced that ERM membership might work.

The last sceptic climbing on to the bandwagon is a classic signal that the wagon is about to go off a cliff. Today, it is clear that the ERM was always doomed — and I must apologise for being taken in, however briefly, by the ERM miracle cure. Having done that, it is worth asking why the ERM failed.

Most commentators now believe that the ERM breakup was made inevitable by German reunification. I do not fully share this view. While high German interest rates added to the strains on the system, I think the mishandling of Britain's entry was an even more important factor. In the spring of 1990, six months before ERM entry, the pound fell to a low of DM2.71, as the markets correctly anticipated Britain's impending economic slump. If the pound had joined the system at about that level, instead of the parity of DM2.95 chosen by John Major, the subsequent disasters might never have happened.

A 6 per cent ERM band centred on DM2.70 would have stretched down to DM2.54, giving British exporters scope for even bigger competitive gains than the ones they achieved after White Wednesday. From 1990 until mid-1992, most European markets were booming. A competitive exchange rate, combined with the managerial and labour reforms introduced in the 1980s, would have offered British exporters the chance of a once in a lifetime bonanza. Surging exports would have done much to offset the depressing effects of high interest rates on domestic consumption and housing. The rapid export growth would have laid to rest the market's justified fears that the sterling-mark parity was too high and would eventually become unsustainable as Britain's trade deficit exploded.

Mr Major's decision to link the pound to the mark at an unsustainable rate damaged not only Britain, but all of Europe. Without this mistake, the ERM might still be in business — and Britain and France might have been able to cut interest rates below the German level, without leaving the system. To say this may seem absurdly parochial. But I would argue that the inappropriate sterling-mark parity was the main catalyst for the market attacks on the ERM after the Danish referendum — and the main reason why the system was not credible enough to allow countries such as France and Britain to undercut German rates.

The lira and peseta were, admittedly, even more overvalued than sterling. But they were never important trading currencies, with highly liquid financial markets. Italy and Spain could well have been pressed into early and orderly realignments without destroying the illusion of stability of the whole ERM. In the event, John Major's refusal to contemplate a realignment that Britain's economy clearly desperately needed, encouraged Italy and Spain to dig in their heels as well. Other countries such as Sweden, Finland and Norway were in turn drawn into pegging their currencies by the apparent commitment of all European governments to defend the pound, lira and peseta at overvalued levels.

What had been a perfectly feasible (though in my view misguided) attempt to discourage currency fluctuations in Europe, was turned into the world's most extravagant game of poker. As soon as one central bank had been called and found bluffing, the markets turned to the next most vulnerable player and raised the stakes. If the only losers had been peripheral players such as the Finns and Italians, there might have been no problem for the whole system. But once the mighty Bank of England was caught bluffing, the game had got too good to stop. The biggest roller in the saloon, the French government, had to be put to the test.

I have believed for some time that, contrary to the market consensus, the franc was too high against the mark. However, the degree of overvaluation was only marginal. The franc-mark parity might well have proved sustainable, if the whole ERM had not been discredited by the fall of the pound. This comparison was not really rational, since the pound was grossly overvalued, while the franc was only slightly too high. But that kind of distinction was obviously a matter of opinion. Until the pound fell, the investors broadly trusted ERM governments (with the usual exception of Italy's) to make such judgments. But once the pound fell, the franc's level, too, had to be submitted to testing by the market.

Apart from the markets and the European governments, the other main player in the ERM poker game was the Bundesbank. At the Bundesbank, as much as in the markets, Britain's membership at an overvalued exchange rate undermined confidence in the whole ERM. From the day Britain joined, Bundesbankers believed that DM2.95 was an inappropriate exchange rate, for Britain and Germany alike. This concern contributed to Buba's general anxiety about being locked into an over-rigid exchange-rate system that was fundamentally unsound and contributed to German inflation.

The markets' success in overwhelming the pound a year ago today, also presumably revived the Bundesbank's hopes of shaking up the ERM and delaying the timetable for European monetary union, an ambition the Buba finally achieved on August 2 this year.

If this analysis is right, then the biggest mistake made in 1990 was not the decision to join the ERM, but the choice of the DM2.95 exchange rate. The Treasury argues that this was not a matter of choice. The pound simply entered at about the market rate on the day the announcement was made.

But this story disguises more than it reveals. The reason the pound rose from about DM2.75 in May 1990, to DM2.95 on October 5, was that government sources deliberately leaked stories to the press about the Chancellor's decision to join the ERM at a high exchange-rate. As the pound climbed through DM2.80 and DM2.90, ministers and officials continued to egg on the markets to bid up the exchange rate.

The reason they did this was Mr Major's fear of inflation. The then-Chancellor was concerned that monetary policy was still not tight enough to eradicate inflation and wanted an overvalued exchange rate to bear down on the economy, as if 15 per cent interest rates were not enough. In my view, it was that first decision to manipulate sterling upwards before joining the ERM that set the pattern for the disasters that followed. If I am right, Mr Major still owes an apology — not only to Britain but to the whole of Europe.

TEMPUS

Fairest of them all

MIRROR Group Newspapers' following in the City is growing stronger by the day. Those institutions that saw MGN as too risky for a punt last year keenly await the sale, soon to be announced, of the 54.8 per cent of its shares held on behalf of Maxwell private companies by their administrators.

MGN's underlying performance goes some way to justifying such support. The tough stance of the new management in reducing costs is certainly welcome, with operating expenses down by £4 million to £180 million, reflect savings in staff costs in production and editorial. There will be more savings when MGN moves to Canary Wharf next year. Borrowings have been cut by £72 million and MGN has persuaded its banks to relax its banking covenants in order to enable the company to resume paying dividends, however nominal, from next year. The group has, surprisingly, emerged unscathed from its main rival's summer price cuts, defying the odds to report a 79,000 increase in sales of the *Daily Mirror* and *Daily Record*. It is also claiming significant improvements in advertising revenue across its range of titles. It reported a 13 per cent increase in advertising volumes and a 6.5 per cent increase in advertising revenue in the first half.

Although the shares are not over-valued, the administrators should sell now while interest is strong. MGN is in a declining market, while much of its cashflow is committed to reducing debts and filling the hole in the pension funds. That restricts its ability to diversify. When the recovery story is no longer hot news, investors may remember the long-term prospects.

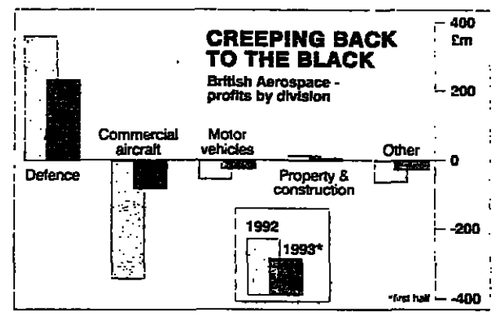
BAe

COMFORTING as it is to see Britain's largest manufacturer back in profit, British Aerospace's interim figures highlight how much work is still needed to allow profits from the core defence business to reach the bottom line.

The most worrying hole in BAe's remaining activities is the regional turboprop business, which is still losing £120 million a year despite its move to a single site at Prestwick. BAe urgently needs to find a joint venture partner for the business or shut it entirely but the group cannot do anything until it signs the Avro regional jet deal with the Taiwanese. This should release provisions to take effective action.

At least Rover returned to profit, before a £22 million redundancy charge. But the motor industry is still highly cyclical and one cannot see Rover remaining a wholly-owned subsidiary for ever.

If BAe can do all this, and organise further property disposals and the managed exit it is planning from Ballast Nedam, it should have eliminated the remaining underperformers to allow profits from Al Yamamah II to come through from 1995. At least the group's strengthened corporate and financial structure has given it a solid platform to make all these changes. If it maintains its 12 per cent profit margin on defence once it has cleared the decks of everything else, annual profits could run at £500 million. The shares are still inexpensive for long-term investors.



Lasmo

MORE than any of the multinational energy companies, Lasmo is a hostage to the oil price. Joe Darby, the new chief executive, has worked hard to shore up the balance sheet in the past six months, cutting debt by more than £300 million with a combination of disposals, improved cash flow and a $250 million American preference share issue. With gearing down to 70 per cent, and more than £100 million likely to come in from the sale of the group's 34 per cent stake in the Markham field, finances look much more secure — even though capital spending will peak at £350 million next year.

Lasmo's key problem is the operating cost of its existing projects. Costs per barrel rose 11 per cent in the half year to £8.30, due to the fall in sterling, and will rise again in the second half. Lasmo is determined to keep costs below £9, but this hardly leaves a wide margin when Brent Crude is less than £10.50 a barrel.

Lasmo's profits will remain slim until newer, lower cost fields such as Liverpool Bay come on stream, unless there is a sharp uplift in the oil price. Further ahead, the group's prospects look more promising, with production forecast to rise from the current 140,000 barrels a day to 220,000 in 1996. The combination of rising production and falling debts makes Lasmo look an interesting takeover target. British Gas may not be interested, but someone else might be.

ECC

ENGLISH China Clays illustrates the benefit of reading a company's small print, even after the introduction of FRS3. The main face of the interim report shows a modest £500,000 decline in pre-tax profits. Delve into note two and the chairman's statement and one finds that the 1992 figures were depressed by one-off restructuring and write-down costs of £15.7 million, while this year's numbers have benefited from a £6.6 million profit on housing land sales. Readjust the numbers and one finds that underlying trading profits have fallen more than 40 per cent. Investors who subscribed to the rights issue in June may not be overjoyed to see such a performance, particularly as it was so obscure to casual readers. Yesterday's 6 per cent fall in the share price was an accurate reflection of their displeasure. ECC needs to treat its shareholders more gently, if it wants them to back the demerger of the construction materials business at the end of the year.

Equities

INFLATIONARY fears might have been the agent that knocked the FT-SE 100 index back under 3,000 after yesterday's rise in the retail prices index, but the ground was laid by recent cautious company statements and disappointing figures.

The setback should not be permanent. The RPI acceleration hardly amounts to a runaway price spiral and corporate profits are improving, albeit slowly. A few more rate cuts on the Continent, and the approach of the autumn Budget should cheer the market up after this bout of ill-humour.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Milken to offer the inside story

FORMER junk bond king Michael Milken is to get the chance to tell the inside story of his rise and fall. Eight months out of prison after admitting six criminal share dealing violations, he will tell his tale in co-operation with Hyperion Press, part of the Walt Disney empire. Milken will combine dictating the book with his three years' community service at a Los Angeles organisation designed to keep youngsters off drugs. The work was part of his original sentence. While doing this, his own thoughts will be penned by William Novak, the ghost writer who helped Nancy Reagan hit back against critics in *My Turn* and Oliver North turn a phrase in *Under Fire*. Milken, whose salary in one year during the Eighties topped $500 million, will donate the book's proceeds to charity. Hyperion hopes the tome will convey what it was like to be at the "white hot centre of revolution".

Hair yesterday

THE hype surrounding the West End launch of the musical *Hair* — cruelly dubbed *Wig* by one unimpressed critic — even engulfed Roger Myers, chairman of Pelican Group, who threw open the doors of the newly refurbished Pelican on St Martins Lane for the opening night party. He was spotted carousing with George Michael, Anita Dobson, Brian May and other stars — notably Boy George as disc jockey — and claims to have enjoyed the experience. "It was a fabulous party," says Myers, whose mini-empire includes the Rock Island Diner at Piccadilly and the Cafe Rouge restaurant chain. "Everyone was making a lot of fuss of two obscure Australian twins in the corner." He braved the festivities until 2am before quietly making his departure, and coyly reserves judgment on the show itself. "I saw the original show when I actually had some hair," he adds. "My hair is not what it was."

The right spirit

A SHUFFLING of shoes was audible yesterday when Tony Hales, chief executive of Allied-Lyons, asked whether anyone among his audience of drinks analysts at the Waldorf Hotel was 40 years old. After an embarrassed silence, Ken Lawrence of, Brown Brothers Harriman Investment Management, put up his hand — and was promptly rewarded with a bottle of Beefeater Gin. Beefeater, owned by Hiram Walker, Allied-Lyons' spirits and wine division, has enjoyed a surge in sales since deciding to maintain its original strength of 40 per cent ABV. "It was better than the usual pen you get at these things," says Lawrence, who recently celebrated the birth of his first son, Robert, and will need a few stiff drinks to get through the 4am nappy changes.

Back again

A FAMILIAR face has popped up at the Liverpool offices of Charterhouse Tilney, the stockbroking arm of the merchant banking group. Simon Willis, number two rated Extel insurance analyst, is back after a five-year absence. Willis, 35, left the firm in 1987 to join Wood Mackenzie in Edinburgh — six weeks before the stock market crash. He will be covering insurance brokers and BAT Industries.

Code of conduct

There can be few chairman as dedicated to the spirit of Cadbury, and what is expected of directors, as Sir David Plastow of Inchcape. In the true spirit of *quis custodiet ipsos custodes*, Sir David recently charged non-executive director Peter Baring "specifically to take responsibility for monitoring my own performance and, if necessary, arranging my replacement", according to the the annual report. After all, Sir David explains, who reports the chairman if he falls down drunk in Singapore? To date, he has been an exemplary chairman . . . or very discreet.

JON ASHWORTH



"Virtue hath its own rewards"

BUSINESS LETTERS

Helping to insure subsidence risk

From Mr Arthur R. Manners

Sir, It is true (Business Letters, September 8) that insurance companies balk at the cost of paying for quality information to help them to underwrite the risk of subsidence, but I am pleased to say that many are now beginning to realise the true value of having accurate, high-quality information. The British Geological Survey, in conjunction with Geological Information Systems Ltd, has developed a database of geological information (GHASP) to help insurers to assess the risk of subsidence. Nationwide coverage is now complete. The system is being used by some syndicates at Lloyd's and is being installed in some major insurance companies.

Yours faithfully,
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Top-rate tax trap

From Mr John Denza

Sir, Mr Saxby greatly understates his case in suggesting that someone who wishes to maintain his capital should draw only the 2 or 3 per cent by which the rate of interest usually exceeds the rate of inflation.

That is true only for those not subject to income tax. If you receive 6 per cent and the rate of inflation is 3½ per cent, then a basic rate taxpayer can withdraw 1 per cent but a higher rate taxpayer only 0.1 per cent.

For nearly 50 years, from 1939, it was impossible for a top rate taxpayer to get other than a negative return from money in an ordinary interest-bearing account. In all probability, it soon will be again.

Yours faithfully,
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Negative viewpoint

From Mr Ashley Sweenie

Sir, To say that Ferranti (September 14) is in a parlous financial state is somewhat inaccurate, having recently cut debts from £700 million to under £100 million, and, at the same time, having suffered 4½ years of continuous losses. It would be reasonable to assume that the balance sheet would not be in perfect shape. However, there are no black holes and the ghost from the disastrous ISC acquisition has disappeared. Such articles cannot help Ferranti's perception with customers and suppliers. One might be led to the conclusion that this article accentuates the negative!

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-do- Acc	696.30	743.70	-3.80	2.18
Income Growth	394.50	424.00†	-3.40	3.54
-do- Acc	541.50	576.10	-4.50	3.54
Master Portfolio	9984.0	10359.0†	-48.00	2.15
-do- Acc	11631.0	12067.0	-56.00	2.15
Special Sits	92.76	98.69†	-0.49	2.08
-do- Acc	109.66	116.67	-0.57	2.08
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1293.0	1334.0	-10.00	4.03
-do- Acc	1526.0	1574.0	-12.00	4.03
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	191.30	203.80	-1.40	1.62
Capital	563.60	601.50	-5.90	2.23
Eurotrack 100	140.80	150.00	-1.00	1.38
Euro Gth	90.32	96.31	-0.45	0.87
Far East Growth	97.93	104.50	-0.70	..
Global Bond	23.80	25.09	-0.23	5.96
Hong Kong	85.29	91.02	+0.11	0.66
Income	542.40	578.90	-5.30	3.78
Intl Growth	75.85	80.95	-0.58	0.17
Japan Growth	291.30	310.90	-2.30	..
Japan Smllr Cos	37.55	40.07	-0.21	...
Japan Index	83.54	89.16	-0.58	0.24
Nth American	435.90	465.20	-4.50	0.17
S pore Mly Gth	62.67	66.88	-0.46	...
The Footsie Fd	111.50	117.70	-1.30	2.62
Tiger Index	154.30	164.70†	-0.70	0.59
Trstle Index	112.60	120.20†	-0.60	2.09
UK Index	129.00	137.70	-1.40	2.91
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.17	90.92	-0.78	1.05
European P folio	79.53	84.82	-1.11	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.86	75.32	-0.09	...
Pacific P folio	111.46	119.86	+0.40	0.98
Cazenove P folio	75.79	81.06	-0.69	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.31	74.28	-0.59	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.42	56.21	-0.50	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	...	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	...	8.75
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	...	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2627.0	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	...	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	65.66	71.17	..	2.12
Beckman Intl	89.73	94.78	-0.84	2.80
Friars Hse Inc	194.25	205.56	...	5.74
Friars Hse Cap	261.16	280.82	...	2.80
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	151.40	161.06	-1.66	5.40
Equity Incom Acc	501.20	533.19	-5.50	5.40
Fixed & Convert	44.75	47.61	-0.08	6.17
Fixed & Conv Acc	119.93	127.59	-0.23	6.17
Monthly Income	51.61	54.90	-0.15	7.38
Preference	51.11	54.37	-0.10	7.12
Preference Acc	267.44	284.51	-0.56	7.12
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.04	134.09	-1.17	5.51
High Yield Acc	484.60	515.53	-4.49	5.51
Managed Fund	65.56	69.74	-0.37	2.81
Managed Fd Acc	80.07	85.18	-0.46	2.81
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.65	43.24	-0.02	2.21
Smaller Cos Acc	46.14	49.08	-0.02	2.21
UK & General	72.06	76.66	-0.51	2.98
UK & General Acc	87.45	93.03	-0.62	2.98
UK Growth	123.80	131.70	-0.81	1.68
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	167.18	177.85	+0.14	...
Far East Growth	115.16	122.51	-0.13	0.34
Global Bond	87.84	93.38	-0.14	5.84
Gold & Comm	51.96	55.28	+0.40	...
Japan Growth	126.95	135.05	..	...
North America	149.96	159.53	-1.44	...
Oriental Growth	60.71	64.59	-0.19	...
W'wide Growth	60.84	65.07	-0.29	0.36
-do- Acc	63.47	67.88	-0.30	0.36
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.25	93.25	+0.01	5.16
Deposit Fund Acc	93.25	93.25	+0.01	5.16
Quilter Fund	127.14	135.25†	-1.09	2.58
Quilter Fund Acc	142.63	151.73	-1.23	2.58
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	65.27	69.44	+0.18	1.86
-do- Acc	73.59	78.29	+0.21	1.86
Income Fund 5	225.40	239.80	-1.40	3.91
-do- Acc	524.40	557.90	-3.20	3.91
Inv Portfolio	70.25	72.80†	+0.06	2.04
-do- Acc	80.05	82.96†	+0.07	2.04
Smaller Cos	136.70	149.50	-0.10	1.22
-do- Acc	165.40	176.00	-0.10	1.22
High Inc P folio	64.14	66.47	-0.57	4.32
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	90.24	96.00	-0.52	0.83
Japanese Acc	66.02	70.23†	-0.64	...
UK Balncd Inc	132.90	141.40	-0.50	2.44
-do- Acc	156.80	166.80	-0.60	2.44
UK Growth Acc	214.90	228.60	-0.40	1.96
UK High Inc	143.80	153.00	-0.30	5.79
-do- Acc	174.10	185.20	-0.30	5.79
N America Acc	111.90	119.00	-1.10	0.23
European Acc	171.60	182.50†	+2.30	0.38
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.67	66.48	-0.17	6.63
-do- Acc	103.20	109.40	-0.30	6.63
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.90	53.09†	-0.20	0.21
Environmnt Opp	75.16	79.96	+0.05	1.54
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.60	119.60	-1.00	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	221.10	234.80	-0.60	1.06
Eurofund	40.82	43.22	-0.05	0.93
Mngd Exempt	176.20	183.60	-1.90	2.86
Growth Inc	223.70	237.70†	-2.30	3.16
High Dist	154.10	163.70	-1.50	4.58
International	339.20	360.40	-2.40	0.90
Intl Income	86.04	91.85	-0.55	2.83
Pacific	61.36	65.20	-0.39	0.46
Smlr Jap Cos	78.77	83.69	-0.46	...
Tokyo	219.10	232.80†	-1.30	...
Japan Exempt	124.70	128.10	-2.00	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	620.80	637.90	-14.70	0.08
Equity Income	127.80	135.80†	-1.10	3.68
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	152.40	161.30	-0.20	0.46
Financial	45.20	48.03†	-0.62	2.49
Global Opps Inc	91.90	97.64	-1.00	1.02
-do- Acc	95.26	101.20	-1.00	1.02
Gold Gen Inc	45.86	48.73	+0.35	0.62
-do- Acc	88.02	93.52	+0.68	0.62
Japan General	170.30	180.90	-1.10	...
Preference	24.02	25.52	-0.07	7.13
Worldwide Cap	208.20	221.20	-1.40	1.81
World Income	90.13	95.76	-0.50	3.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	186.10	198.00	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 434450				
Pelican	110.41	116.22	-1.58	3.30
High Income	129.33	136.35	-1.80	4.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	164.45	173.11†	-1.13	2.15
Special Sits	86.19	90.73†	-1.05	2.11
North American	103.14	108.57†	-0.99	1.00
Far Eastern	260.35	274.03	-1.89	1.53
Intl Growth	97.91	103.06	-0.95	1.33
European	69.20	72.84	-0.66	1.88
Smaller Cos	73.13	76.98	-0.33	1.83
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	239.30	254.50	...	3.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	143.70	152.80	+0.90	...
High Income	27.44	28.87†	-0.16	5.72
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	101.10	106.90†	...	0.58
Far Eastern	145.30	155.70†	-0.10	...
High Income	23.64	25.19†	-0.14	10.00
Overs Income	92.77	99.17	-0.13	3.04
UK Growth	100.50	107.50†	-0.90	0.87
UK Income	107.20	114.70	-1.30	2.88
US Smaller Cos	272.50	291.40	-3.00	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.45	52.56	-0.76	...
-do- Acc	49.45	52.56	-0.76	...
Am Smllr Co	441.00	471.60	-6.50	...
-do- Acc	450.50	481.70	-6.80	...
Capital	304.80	324.20	-0.30	1.56
-do- Acc	424.50	451.50	-0.40	1.56
Cond Smllr Cos	51.06	54.76	+0.16	0.87
-do- Acc	53.38	57.25	+0.17	0.87
Convertible	127.00	135.00	-0.20	5.41
-do- Acc	241.00	256.30	-0.40	5.41
Emg Mark	58.53	62.53	-0.69	...
-do- Acc	58.53	62.53	-0.69	...
European	104.10	111.20	+0.30	0.62
-do- Acc	108.50	115.90	+0.30	0.62
Extra Income	316.70	336.80	-1.40	3.65
-do- Acc	453.60	482.50	-1.90	3.65
Financial	116.70	124.90	-0.30	0.16
-do- Acc	122.10	130.70	-0.40	0.16
Gilt Gth Tst	68.04	70.15	-0.85	5.85
-do- Acc	87.91	90.65	-1.10	5.85
Health Fund Inc	118.30	126.30	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	118.30	126.30	-0.70	...
Income Tst	192.60	204.80	-1.60	3.53
-do- Acc	272.90	290.20	-2.30	3.53
Intl Growth	332.90	355.90	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	369.70	395.30	-3.30	...
Japan Gen	193.70	207.10	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	195.70	209.20	-0.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	97.00	102.10	-0.50	0.80
-do- Acc	102.10	107.40	-0.50	0.80
Monthly Income	164.50	174.90	-0.60	3.62
Qrtly Inc	53.05	56.43	-0.34	5.43
-do- Acc	53.81	57.23	-0.34	5.43
Recovery	312.00	333.60	-1.30	0.29
-do- Acc	366.50	391.90	-1.50	0.29
UK Growth	48.89	52.22	-0.41	2.39
-do- Acc	48.89	52.22	-0.41	2.39
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	367.64	391.11	-0.17	2.64
-do- Acc	750.73	798.65	-0.34	2.64
Euro Gth Dist	117.68	125.19†	+0.83	0.66
-do- Acc	122.22	130.02†	+0.86	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	138.51	146.51†	-0.86	5.82
-do- Acc	237.18	250.88†	-1.48	5.82
Intl Gth Dist	82.04	87.28	-0.13	0.59
-do- Acc	85.17	90.61	-0.14	0.59
Nth Amer Dist	172.18	182.39	-0.64	0.80
-do- Acc	187.65	198.78	-0.70	0.80
Pac Basin Dist	261.57	278.27	-0.79	0.01
-do- Acc	266.57	283.58	-0.81	0.01
Stewardship Dist	320.99	341.48	-0.20	1.79
-do- Acc	382.74	407.17	-0.24	1.79
Stwd Inc Dist	69.07	73.48†	-0.07	2.98
-do- Acc	86.04	91.53†	-0.09	2.98
N Am Stwd Dist	97.52	103.74	-0.59	...
-do- Acc	103.16	109.74	-0.63	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.30	146.90	-0.80	...
European	448.80	477.20	+1.10	0.89
Far East General	246.90	264.10	-1.30	0.27
Germany	109.70	116.10	-0.30	0.40
Global Assets In	74.59	79.54	+0.58	2.03
Global Assets Ac	78.87	84.10	+0.60	2.03
Income Inc	135.50	145.00†	+0.70	6.08
International	305.70	326.50	-0.80	0.86
Intl Income	81.40	86.37	-0.43	4.61
Japan General	403.10	429.00	-0.70	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.71	53.17	-1.42	6.09
UK Capital Inc	176.30	188.60†	-0.90	3.98
-do- Acc	304.10	325.30	-1.50	3.98
Uk Spec Sits	83.00	88.77	-0.43	1.43
US General	122.30	130.20	-1.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	139.00	148.20	+1.00	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.25	49.46†	-0.24	1.31
Cash Trust	130.30	130.30†	+0.01	5.28
Pract Inv Inc	111.68	119.75	-0.30	3.83
-do- Acc	239.75	257.09	-0.63	3.83
UK Smaller Cos	112.82	120.99	+2.22	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.94	29.88	+0.01	7.80
High Inc	34.03	36.40†	-0.21	4.51
UK Equity Inc	135.85	145.29†	-0.89	3.74
Global Bond	30.27	31.36	-0.14	5.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	80.97	86.83	-0.75	0.48
Frontier Markets	46.15	49.49	-0.16	0.12
Global Inc Gth	124.43	132.59	-0.43	1.81
UK Intl	125.61	134.34	-0.49	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	129.37	138.14	-1.19	0.45
European	89.21	94.55	+0.22	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	107.97	114.79†	+0.44	0.64
American Emerg	85.68	91.88	-1.73	...
Hong Kong	119.99	128.68	+1.12	1.94
Japan	244.97	260.22	-0.07	...
Pacific Growth	168.99	181.22	-0.69	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	133.79	143.09	-0.12	0.32
American Gth	128.21	137.12	-1.65	...
European Gth	73.33	78.13	+0.53	0.61
Japan Gth	84.32	90.37	-0.42	...
Greater China	145.43	155.54†	-0.46	2.65
Pacific Strategy	135.09	144.48	-0.18	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.30	85.54†	-0.06	4.69
British Growth	51.63	54.48	-0.03	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.34	50.63	-1.57	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 539 9668				
Cash	132.50	132.50	...	5.05
Gilt Fixed	131.10	139.10†	-0.60	5.00
Growth Equity	307.10	328.00	-0.60	1.94
Guardhill	449.00	479.70†	-1.20	2.02
Income Trust	116.60	124.50	-0.20	3.29
International	166.60	177.90	-0.40	0.01
Japan Trust	131.80	140.80	-1.10	...
Nth American	260.50	278.30	-1.80	0.37
Pacific	409.10	437.00	-4.30	...
European	391.60	418.30	+5.60	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	36.87	39.09†	...	1.51
-do- Acc	38.85	41.19	-0.10	1.51
Inc Adv Inc	30.94	32.80†	...	3.73
-do- Acc	32.75	34.72	...	3.73
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.52	84.11	+1.15	0.68
Equity Income	120.80	128.50†	+0.20	3.13
European	143.00	151.40	+0.80	0.89
Intl Situation	78.65	83.67	-0.32	...
Japanese	147.80	156.80	-1.50	...
North American	93.93	99.86	-0.33	0.02
Scandinavian	128.90	136.30	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos	33.04	35.15	+0.61	1.71
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	93.18	99.60	-1.22	...
Asian Enterprise	137.65	147.20	-0.57	0.34
European	414.24	438.10	-0.75	0.87
European Inc	73.99	80.35†	+0.08	2.70
Euro Sml Co	129.52	137.63	+0.67	0.50
Extra Income	275.59	293.39†	-1.80	4.58
Family of Funds	75.55	80.58	+0.15	0.61
Global Bond	58.29	62.23†	-0.26	6.62
High Inc	312.57	334.13	-2.30	3.71
Income Gth	254.31	270.83	-2.12	3.33
-do- Acc	657.82	700.57	-5.47	3.33
International	239.34	255.28	-0.41	0.80
Japan Spc Sit	258.00	274.62	-0.61	...
Japan	223.31	237.85	-0.55	...
N Amer	218.13	232.43	-2.80	0.03
Pacific Smllr Cos	207.11	220.32	+0.50	0.15
Pref Gilt	49.38	53.08	-0.10	7.79
Smaller Cos Div	184.49	197.58	+0.04	3.72
Special Sits	276.34	295.68†	-1.46	1.63
-do- Acc	428.43	458.42	-2.27	1.63
Best of British	58.80	62.84	-0.50	2.26
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	51.69	54.92	+0.31	0.49
-do- Acc	54.73	58.15	+0.33	0.49
Global Tech	134.33	143.73	-1.56	...
Smaller Cos	78.76	84.27	-0.16	1.51
Special Opps	116.35	125.11†	-0.59	1.16
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	91.03	97.35	-0.65	2.14
Capital	160.60	171.70	-0.10	1.82
Dollar	311.60	333.20	-4.30	0.01
European	211.70	226.40	-0.10	0.56
Far East	252.50	270.00	-0.20	0.24
Financial	776.00	829.50	-4.40	1.81
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.61	28.68	-0.20	7.21
High Yield	109.60	117.20	-0.50	4.18
Income	143.30	153.20	-0.90	3.11
Intl	222.20	237.60	-1.00	0.78
Japan Tech	75.03	80.24	-0.04	...
Nat Resources	57.30	61.28	+0.40	0.47
Security	307.80	329.10†	-2.30	1.86
Smaller Cos	120.20	128.50	+0.10	1.11
Special Sits	143.60	153.50†	-0.80	1.54
US Smaller Cos	71.07	76.01	-1.48	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.52	29.42†	-0.03	1.12
Special Features	29.66	31.51	-0.29	1.67
-do- Acc	35.02	37.20	-0.33	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.35	60.17	-0.49	1.78
Assets Earnings	73.65	78.25	-0.57	1.86
do Acc	87.90	93.39	-0.67	1.86
Managed Invest	92.93	99.15	-0.50	1.11
Rupert Children	78.36	83.45	-0.71	2.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.21	50.21†	...	4.54
Extra Inc	85.66	91.57	-0.62	5.00
Gilt	29.23	30.79	-0.29	6.20
Income Gth	40.98	43.67	-0.35	3.50
MIMstar	80.90	82.70	-0.28	7.54
Preference	18.84	20.01†	-0.03	6.50
UK Income	328.40	350.60	-2.70	3.15
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	64.05	68.05	-0.31	1.18
Property Shares	71.64	77.16†	-0.33	1.62
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	153.60	161.00	-0.90	4.27
European Acc	125.20	132.60†	+0.20	1.45
European Dist	118.00	125.00†	+0.20	1.45
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.50	51.60†	-0.24	1.08
European Perf	127.10	134.90†	...	0.49
-do- Acc	131.10	139.10†	...	0.49
Euro Small Cos	23.84	25.32	+0.12	0.48
French Growth	72.63	77.16	-0.23	0.33
-do- Acc	77.59	82.43	-0.24	0.33
Hong K/China	72.97	77.53	+0.07	1.66
Intl Growth	54.55	57.95	-0.16	0.59
-do- Acc	54.56	57.95	-0.16	0.59
Japan Perf	36.01	38.26	...	...
Accum Units	36.01	38.26	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.06	43.61†	-0.02	...
Singapore Asean	92.05	97.80	-0.75	0.20
-do- Acc	92.70	98.49	-0.76	0.20
South East Asia	252.10	267.80	-1.20	0.56
US Smllr Cos	104.90	111.40	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	106.03	112.60	-1.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	89.21	95.09	-0.02	2.43
Intl Bond	58.14	58.94†	-0.36	6.01
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	54.22	57.68†	-0.61	6.72
Gilt Yield	122.80	129.60†	-1.40	6.96
Global Income	209.20	222.60†	-1.39	3.93
High Yield	142.00	151.10	-1.17	3.52
Smllr Cos Div	53.66	57.09†	-0.19	3.44
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.06	95.81	-1.07	...
North American	74.98	79.77	-0.89	0.42
European	139.50	148.40	-0.70	1.51
Euro Special	83.72	89.06	-0.42	1.40
General	271.70	289.00	-3.00	3.09
Japan	453.00	481.90	-3.20	...
Japanese Special	258.00	274.50	-3.10	...
Master Acc	230.50	245.20	-1.50	1.26
Pacific	286.60	304.90	-2.20	0.53
Smaller Cos	106.30	113.10	-0.42	1.49
UK Equity Gth	39.53	42.05†	+0.51	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 558 5151				
European	79.59	84.67	+0.56	0.90
Extra Income	25.28	26.89	-0.10	3.55
Far East	29.32	31.19	-0.07	0.26
Income Gwth	75.90	80.74†	+0.70	2.86
Intl Growth	54.13	57.58	-0.16	0.59
Japan	68.60	72.98†	-0.68	...
Maximum Dist	100.20	102.20†	-0.10	6.81
N Amer Equity	38.51	40.97	-0.10	0.35
UK Equity	91.10	96.91	-0.20	2.66
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.08	57.53	-0.88	4.35
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	440.70	468.80†	-3.30	2.63
Equity Acc	849.60	903.80†	-6.40	2.63
Equity Income	98.61	104.90	-0.50	4.27
European	103.20	109.80†	...	1.66
Far Eastern	196.60	209.10†	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	55.23	59.24†	-0.21	5.89
Gilt	97.39	103.20	-0.60	5.91
Global Growth	70.83	75.35	-0.21	0.45
Intl Bond	56.81	60.38†	-0.07	4.71
Japanese	76.30	81.17	-0.10	...
Overseas Equity	103.80	110.40	-0.40	0.05
Pacific Gth	91.47	97.31	-0.65	0.47
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834393				
Balanced	329.40	350.50	-0.20	2.69
-do- Acc	723.50	769.70	-0.60	2.69
Cont Euro Gth	55.43	58.35	+0.32	1.14
-do- Acc	58.62	61.71	+0.35	1.14
Extra Inc	252.80	269.00	-0.10	3.99
-do- Acc	624.50	664.80	-0.40	3.99
German Gth	112.00	117.90	+0.50	0.10
-do- Acc	117.50	123.70	+0.50	0.10
Growth Port	512.90	545.70	-0.70	0.38
-do- Acc	512.90	545.70	-0.70	0.38
Income	481.80	512.60	-0.50	3.41
-do- Acc	1236.0	1315.0	-2.00	3.41
Income Port	512.90	545.70	-0.40	4.03
-do- Acc	520.40	553.70	-0.50	4.03
Japan Growth	106.60	113.50	-0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	106.90	113.80	-0.90	0.01
Master Trust	54.49	57.97	-0.12	1.21
-do- Acc	59.98	63.81	-0.14	1.21
N American Gen	183.80	195.60	-2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	212.20	225.80	-2.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	136.00	144.70	-3.00	0.01
-do- Acc	138.80	147.70	-5.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	217.60	231.50	-0.60	0.59
-do- Acc	229.90	244.60	-0.60	0.59
Small Cos Rec	328.20	345.50	-0.20	2.28
-do- Acc	427.30	449.80	-0.40	2.28
UK Growth	80.86	86.03	-0.01	2.23
-do- Acc	95.27	101.40	...	2.23
Worldwide Gth	292.30	311.00	-1.20	0.18
-do- Acc	431.10	458.70	-1.60	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	81.78	87.73	-0.14	2.70
Income	64.75	69.49†	-0.36	5.00
International	59.41	63.74	-0.29	0.70
American	59.35	63.68	-0.54	0.30
Japan	57.72	61.92†	-0.45	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.88	67.47	-0.27	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	379.60	401.40†	-1.40	0.89
-do- Acc	469.00	495.90	-1.70	0.89
American Rec	415.20	439.10	-0.70	0.22
-do- Acc	475.80	503.10	-0.80	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	123.90	131.00	-0.90	...
Australia Acc	160.20	169.50	+0.90	1.15
Capital	723.00	764.60†	-0.10	2.17
-do- Acc	807.50	853.90	-0.20	2.17
Commodity Acc	422.90	447.20	-1.00	0.99
Compnd Gth	886.60	937.50	+0.70	2.53
Dividend	38.40	40.80	+0.10	3.95
-do- Acc	152.90	161.60	+0.10	3.95
Equity Inc	325.00	343.70†	+0.30	4.35
European Div	65.00	68.70	+0.60	3.75
-do- Acc	75.30	79.60	+0.80	3.75
European Gen	434.30	459.30	+4.20	0.83
-do- Acc	545.60	577.00	+5.20	0.83
Extra Yield	404.10	427.30†	+0.40	4.05
-do- Acc	1207.3	1276.6	+0.90	4.05
Far Eastern	320.90	339.30†	-1.70	0.43
-do- Acc	423.30	447.60	-2.30	0.43
Fund of Inv	561.40	593.70	-0.90	1.95
-do- Acc	1024.1	1083.0	-1.60	1.95
General	57.80	61.10	+0.10	3.40
-do- Acc	154.50	163.50	+0.30	3.40
Gilt Fxd Int	66.46	66.54†	-0.38	7.01
do Acc	169.43	169.65	-0.95	7.01
Gold	47.60	50.30	+1.50	1.15
-do- Acc	55.90	59.10	+1.80	1.15
High Inc	27.20	28.80	...	4.11
-do- Acc	103.10	109.30	...	4.11
Intl Growth	71.20	75.30†	...	0.66
-do- Acc	123.20	130.40	...	0.66
Intl Inc	98.30	104.00	+0.40	4.38
Japan Gen Acc	54.03	57.20	-0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	162.00	171.40	-1.20	...
Midland	60.40	63.90	-0.10	2.81
-do- Acc	193.40	204.50	-0.40	2.81
Recovery	39.20	41.50	...	2.42
-do- Acc	62.40	66.00	...	2.42
Second Gen	67.50	71.40	-0.10	3.17
-do- Acc	167.20	177.00	-0.30	3.17
Smaller Cos	65.60	69.40†	-0.10	2.76
-do- Acc	125.90	133.20	-0.20	2.76
Trustee	42.60	45.10	...	3.51
Charibond 3	‡118.43	...	-0.50	9.11
Charifund 2	686.90	693.80	+0.70	4.85
Pension ex 1	903.90	926.50	+0.10	4.07
NAACIF Inc 3	348.97	...	-0.20	6.78
-do- Acc 3	11208.4	...	-6.00	6.78
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 428, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	143.30	152.20	-0.58	1.92
-do- Acc	160.60	171.70	-0.58	1.92
UK Income	130.40	138.70	-0.85	2.34
-do- Acc	136.00	145.90	-0.85	2.34
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.13	94.26	-0.13	0.43
Far East	144.10	153.00	-0.60	0.16
Income Growth	75.83	80.50†	+0.87	3.21
European	75.59	80.24	+1.03	1.07
Nth American	56.93	60.44	-0.27	0.43
UK Growth	81.83	86.87	+0.02	1.98
Intl Growth	100.30	106.50	...	0.33
Charities	115.20	122.30†	+0.10	3.87
Intl Income	71.12	75.50†	+0.39	4.10
Japan	58.65	62.26	-0.29	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	186.90	198.30	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	199.70	211.90	-1.10	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	5.56
-do- Acc	130.90	130.90	...	5.56
Emg Mkts Acc	96.26	103.50	-0.40	...
European Gth	210.40	223.20†	+0.90	0.71
-do- Acc	226.20	239.80†	+0.90	0.71
General	485.20	517.50	-1.20	2.34
-do- Acc	928.40	990.30	-2.30	2.34
Global Dis	132.80	139.60	-0.30	5.23
-do- Acc	148.60	156.20	-0.40	5.23
Income	147.50	157.10†	-0.10	4.34
-do- Acc	219.00	233.40†	-0.20	4.34
International	410.20	436.90	-0.90	0.64
-do- Acc	545.50	580.90	-1.40	0.64
Japan Acc	202.50	214.90	-1.90	...
New Europe	153.30	163.50	-0.10	1.59
-do- Acc	155.70	166.10	-0.10	1.59
Recovery	307.10	327.60	+0.20	2.74
-do- Acc	388.00	413.90	+0.40	2.74
European Inc	78.22	82.84	+0.45	2.94
-do- Acc	101.30	107.30	+0.60	2.94
Brit Blue Chip	75.68	80.53	-0.02	3.13
-do- Acc	89.25	94.98	-0.02	3.13
Portfolio	77.71	82.64	-0.07	2.74
-do- Acc	88.36	93.97	-0.08	2.74
Gold General	112.40	120.90	+4.30	0.78
-do- Acc	114.90	123.50	+4.40	0.78
Pacific	98.72	105.30	-0.70	0.79
-do- Acc	104.90	111.90	-0.80	0.79
UK Smaller Cos	56.79	60.58†	-0.05	1.80
-do- Acc	63.93	68.08†	-0.09	1.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.25	63.37	-0.27	2.57
-do- Acc	60.16	64.34	-0.28	2.57
British Dist	79.28	84.79	-0.61	2.04
-do- Acc	89.74	95.98	-0.69	2.04
European Gth	187.60	200.60	+0.20	0.02
-do- Acc	235.60	252.00	+0.40	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.43	78.53	-0.40	5.43
-do- Acc	131.40	140.50	-0.70	5.43
FT-SE 100 Index	49.86	53.32	-0.42	2.61
-do- Acc	50.61	54.13	-0.43	2.61
Gilt Fixed Int	58.02	60.40†	-0.51	6.54
-do- Acc	157.00	163.40	-1.40	6.54
High Yield	234.30	250.60	-1.30	4.98
-do- Acc	550.10	588.30	-3.20	4.28
Income	291.10	311.30	-2.10	3.12
-do- Acc	615.30	658.10	-4.40	3.12
Japan Gth	368.60	394.20†	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	389.10	416.10	-0.20	...
Mandarin Acc	104.20	111.40	-1.70	0.80
North American	162.50	173.80	-1.20	0.53
-do- Acc	205.00	219.30	-1.50	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0125				
American Gth	274.80	282.50	-3.20	...
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95†	+0.01	5.35
Deposit Acc	123.79	123.79†	+0.01	5.35
Euro Gth Acc	319.20	340.80	+2.10	...
Europa	137.90	148.20†	+0.30	...
Intl Gth	177.00	189.20	-0.20	...
Japan Tracker	80.53	85.32	-0.70	...
UK Equity Inc	165.10	177.60	-0.10	3.73
-do- Acc	202.50	217.80	-0.10	3.73
UK Ind Tracker	149.10	159.50†	-0.10	3.02
US Eq Ind Trkr	189.80	201.40†	-1.10	1.47
-do- Acc	201.90	214.30†	-1.10	1.47
Asian Tracker	174.40	188.80	-1.60	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	166.60	170.40†	-1.60	1.74
European	66.40	67.58†	+0.83	1.58
Olympiad	59.18	60.67†	-0.04	0.18
Global Bond	48.95	49.49†	+0.11	6.11
Smaller Cos	71.56	74.78	-0.19	1.19
Equity Income	95.65	98.19†	-0.22	5.02
UK Growth	86.74	89.51	+0.08	1.79
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.78	49.89	-0.28	1.20
Australian Acc	302	324	-1.50	...
Conscience	65.89	70.32	+1.08	1.19
-do- Acc	71.13	75.91	+1.18	1.19
European	179.70	191.70	-0.30	0.90
-do- Acc	193.30	205.80	-0.30	0.90
Extra Income	74.99	80.03†	-0.65	5.55
-do- Acc	116.20	124	-1.00	5.55
Far East Gth	175.80	187.20	-2.00	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.73	64.08†	-0.17	6.18
Gold	39.93	42.50	+0.77	...
-do- Acc	43.00	46.23	+0.83	...
Income	54.79	58.44	-0.38	4.73
-do- Acc	167.70	178.80	-1.20	4.73
International	30.80	33.02	-0.14	0.64
-do- Acc	44.25	47.45	-0.20	0.64
Jap Sm Cos Acc	370.60	395.30	...	...
S pore Mly Acc	215.20	230.70	-3.80	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.80	28.81	-0.06	0.65
Special Sits	33.73	36.26	-0.21	1.73
-do- Acc	38.85	41.77	-0.24	1.73
Tokyo	89.83	95.81	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	90.74	96.78	-0.06	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	69.40	73.84	-0.61	2.64
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.84	83.43†	-0.28	5.52
N&P Higher Inc	213.50	227.20	-1.10	4.52
N&P UK Income	107.10	114.00	-0.90	3.49
N&P Intl	91.49	97.33	-0.32	1.78
N&P Smaller Cos	79.48	84.58†	+0.09	1.51
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 332 9000				
General	173.83	184.93	-0.09	2.02
Global	309.50	329.05†	-0.08	3.06
Growth	114.17	121.46	-0.30	1.93
Income	213.82	227.47	-1.19	3.70
Intl Bond	136.55	144.99	-0.50	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	144.90	152.50	-0.10	2.43
-do- Acc	256.70	270.20	-0.30	2.43
Income	233.50	248.40	-0.40	3.25
Intl Equity	231.40	246.10†	-0.70	0.71
-do- Acc	255.00	271.20	-0.70	0.71
Equity	227.30	241.70	-0.20	2.31
-do- Acc	466.00	495.70	-0.30	2.31
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.25	77.92	-0.13	1.79
UK Income	63.60	67.96	-0.12	2.81
UK Smllr Co Acc	82.43	87.68	-0.32	1.38
New Europe Acc	65.76	69.95	+0.28	0.94
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.20	107.17	-0.91	0.10
PEP Growth	106.22	113.61	-1.08	1.18
Intl Gth	513.69	549.41	-6.16	0.52
Income	329.11	351.99	-3.83	2.86
W wide Recov	328.39	351.22	-3.06	0.27
American Gth	208.09	222.56	-2.28	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	199.90	213.80	-1.82	0.11
Far East Gth	235.19	251.55	-1.93	0.01
European Gth	124.53	133.19	-0.89	0.99
UK Growth	82.19	87.91	-0.95	2.49
High Income	89.32	95.53	-0.94	4.07
Japanese Gth	228.24	242.86	-1.74	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282465				
International	184.20	195.90	-1.50	0.66
High Income	116.10	123.50	+0.90	3.46
Conv Gilt	117.00	124.50†	+0.20	5.51
Far East	324.70	345.40	-0.30	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.10	35.21	-0.04	4.86
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.85	54.10	-0.58	0.20
Emerging Mkts	72.90	77.57	+1.58	0.50
General	49.28	52.43	-0.41	3.06
International	87.88	93.49	-0.41	1.29
Gilt Units	26.50	27.32†	-1.14	7.05
Global PEP	37.21	39.58	-0.16	1.96
Income Gth	69.41	73.84†	-0.78	4.44
European	46.84	49.83	-0.02	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.14	28.87†	-0.12	5.41
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4499 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Trt	32.79	35.06	-0.12	1.52
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.20	101.70†	+0.01	4.77
-do- Acc	106.38	106.91†	+0.02	4.77
Pru Equity	688.27	736.11	-6.17	2.65
Pru Equity Inc	83.13	88.90†	-0.84	4.36
Pru European	187.78	200.83	-1.11	0.82
Pru Global Gth	82.19	87.90†	-0.55	1.21
Pru High Inc	89.71	95.94†	-0.72	4.49
Pru Intl	165.97	177.50	-0.81	1.05
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.83	76.82	-0.33	0.64
Pru Japanese	209.62	224.19	-0.45	...
Pru Nth Amer	146.75	156.95	-1.41	0.79
Pru Pacific Mkt	81.41	87.06†	-0.09	1.06
Pru Premr Inc	52.41	54.56†	-0.13	4.96
Pru Smllr Cos	86.64	92.66	-0.02	2.16
Pru Spec Sits	101.50	108.55	-0.69	2.31
Pru UK Grwth	113.37	121.25†	+0.04	2.39
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2881/4				
FA Income	163.84	175.01	+0.04	3.44
FA Japan	290.55	309.22	-2.61	...
FA Maj UK Cos	95.41	101.81	+0.20	2.45
FA America Inc	504.43	537.14†	-3.67	0.89
-do- Acc	587.81	625.93	-4.27	0.89
FA Smlr UK Cos	282.60	305.82†	+0.08	1.51
FA European	273.95	290.49	+3.08	1.30
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.87	77.52	+0.02	3.59
Capital Units	150.00	159.60	+0.30	1.08
Commodity	97.67	103.90†	...	1.18
European Gth	171.10	182.00	+1.50	1.07
Financial Sec	184.40	196.20	-0.10	1.29
High Return	223.10	237.30	-0.70	3.54
High Yield	221.10	235.20	-0.10	3.80
Income Units	115.30	122.70†	-0.10	4.48
Investment	192.20	204.50	-0.20	1.03
Japan Gth	167.60	178.30†	-1.10	...
Japan Smaller	198.00	210.60	-1.40	...
Masterfund	49.43	52.59	+0.09	0.86
Scotbits	274.90	292.40	-0.20	0.97
Scotshares	268.50	285.60	-0.40	2.40
Scotyields	231.80	246.40†	...	3.83
Select Intl	133.00	141.50	-0.10	0.58
Smaller Cos	243.50	259.00	-0.40	3.52
Special Situation	114.30	121.60	-0.10	0.64
UK Equity	233.20	248.10	+0.30	2.65
US Growth	139.30	148.20	-0.90	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enq: 0800 526 535 Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	235.05	247.97	-2.92	0.57
-do- Acc	252.49	266.66	-3.17	0.57
Australian	126.96	135.42†	-0.56	0.34
-do- Acc	150.02	160.01	-0.81	0.34
UK Enterprise	228.33	243.55	-2.61	2.15
-do- Acc	266.83	284.61	-3.04	2.15
European Gth	65.37	69.54	-0.49	1.21
-do- Acc	67.90	72.22	-0.52	1.21
Euro Smllr Cos	61.17	65.18	-0.01	0.59
-do- Acc	61.59	65.63	-0.01	0.59
Far Eastern Gth	76.57	81.69†	-0.82	...
-do- Acc	77.81	82.99	-0.83	...
Fixed Interest	54.87	57.82†	-0.64	5.83
-do- Acc	68.96	72.67	-0.79	5.83
Gilt Income	107.01	112.79†	-1.51	7.12
-do- Acc	153.58	161.88†	-2.17	7.12
Income	334.31	356.59†	-3.75	3.93
-do- Acc	1004.6	1071.6	-11.28	3.93
Japan Enterprise	71.21	75.95	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	71.21	75.95	-0.49	...
Japan Smllr Cos	508.75	542.66	-3.15	...
-do- Acc	509.77	543.75	-3.15	...
Pacific Gth	100.84	107.56†	-1.36	0.09
-do- Acc	103.83	110.75	-1.38	0.09
Smaller Cos	204.11	217.71	+0.05	0.82
-do- Acc	236.07	251.80	+0.05	0.82
Tokyo	116.33	124.08†	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	117.50	125.33	-0.71	...
UK Equity	222.03	236.83	-2.80	2.53
-do- Acc	416.84	444.63	-5.28	2.53
US Smllr Cos	137.39	146.54	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	137.39	146.54	-1.80	...
World Fd	73.67	78.58†	-0.75	1.71
-do- Acc	78.31	83.53	-0.80	1.71
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2100				
Equity Income	49.38	52.59	+0.17	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.37	70.66	+0.16	1.04
European Opps	78.01	83.08	+0.75	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.23	103.77	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.58	62.39	-0.15	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	356.80	380.90	-2.50	2.75
American	249.70	265.10	-2.10	0.73
Pacific	353.60	378.20	-1.10	0.54
European	485.80	519.60	+1.30	1.07
Worldwide	85.04	90.95	-0.51	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	312.60	332.60	-0.40	2.02
UK Sm Cos Eqty	222.10	236.30	-0.30	1.93
European	357.20	380.10	+3.50	1.56
North American	256.40	272.80	-3.00	0.59
Income Plus Inc	69.77	74.23†	-0.35	2.76
UK Spec Sits	72.46	77.09	-0.21	2.15
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.06	28.90	-0.05	2.73
Intl Growth Acc	30.94	32.69	-0.02	1.07
Market Lnkd Acc	27.00	28.60	-0.05	2.93
FOR SCTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	‡107.40	...	-1.00	...
Global Bond	‡106.30	...	-0.50	7.09
Japan Samurai	‡99.91	...	-0.69	...
UK Growth	‡101.20	...	-0.60	3.88
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.63	49.55	...	1.46
Equity Gth Acc	64.66	68.73	...	1.06
UK Eq General	43.98	46.73	...	2.08
-do- Acc	58.07	61.70	...	2.08
European Acc	44.54	47.33	+0.40	0.73
Far East Acc	59.08	62.78	-0.20	0.29
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.45	35.38	-0.20	5.71
N American Acc	43.16	45.86	-0.30	0.63
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	291.50	346.30	-0.80	1.20
UK Eq High Inc	38.33	40.73	...	3.44
-do- Acc	45.52	48.37	...	3.44
UK Lgr Cos Inc	305.80	331.80	-0.20	3.59
UK Lgr Cos Acc	398.10	432.00	-0.20	3.59
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Bishops Court, 28 Bishops Lane, London EC3V 8AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.77	NZ$4.01	-0.006	1.33
US Eq	$2.197	$2.334	-0.009	1.14
Far East Eq	Y255.6	Y271.5	+3.20	...
Japan Eq	Y260.4	Y276.5	+3.80	...
FT Europe	118.60	125.90	-0.30	2.07
FT North Am	$1.752	$1.857	+0.004	1.39
FT Japan	Y249.9	Y265.5	-0.90	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.022	$2.147	-0.056	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	342.80	365.90	-1.20	0.33
British	993.00	1050.6†	-4.30	3.40
European	430.40	457.90	+3.40	1.28
Japan	159.50	169.20	-0.40	...
New Pacific	313.50	333.90	-0.90	0.98
Mngd Cash	96.11	96.11	...	5.17
Majority Stlg	100.31	101.32	+0.02	4.84
Inv Tst	202.20	214.30†	-2.10	1.68
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Adelaide, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	760.60	813.50	-5.30	2.79
N America Acc	118.30	126.50	-1.30	0.17
Far East Acc	132.20	141.40	-1.00	0.24
W wide Bond	62.99	66.87	-0.34	5.23
European	90.01	96.27	+0.27	0.60
Equity Income	88.63	94.79	-0.70	3.64
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.47	35.80†	-0.07	0.53
Managed Assets	124.37	133.02	-0.11	2.75
UK Income	38.94	41.65	+0.02	2.99
UK Growth	38.24	40.90	+0.05	2.21
Worldwide Gth	32.46	34.72†	-0.10	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 345794				
American	211.38	224.87†	-2.69	...
-do- Acc	232.83	247.69†	-2.96	...
British Gth	88.74	94.41	-0.63	1.97
-do- Acc	104.37	111.03	-0.74	1.97
European	102.06	108.57†	-0.12	0.68
-do- Acc	108.46	115.39†	-0.13	0.68
Extra Inc	192.33	204.61†	-2.98	4.01
-do- Acc	314.04	334.09†	-4.86	4.01
General Unit	271.63	288.96	-1.94	2.45
-do- Acc	543.59	577.22	-3.86	2.45
Income	341.87	363.69	-2.68	3.49
-do- Acc	710.41	755.76	-5.56	3.49
International	500.17	532.10	-2.62	0.25
-do- Acc	654.78	696.57	-3.43	0.25
Pacific	359.67	382.63	-0.53	...
-do- Acc	377.93	402.05	-0.56	...
Premier Income	54.24	56.50	-0.32	6.21
-do- Acc	114.69	119.47	-0.66	6.21
Nat Resources	123.92	131.83	+1.53	...
-do- Acc	136.00	144.68	+1.68	...
Selected Opps	100.39	106.80†	-0.50	1.15
-do- Acc	126.62	134.70†	-0.63	1.15
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	68.69	73.26	-0.26	...
-do- Acc	70.85	75.57	-0.25	...
European Opps	65.29	69.31	-0.05	0.43
-do- Acc	65.97	70.02	-0.06	0.43
Japan	94.92	101.24	-0.24	...
-do- Acc	94.92	101.24	-0.24	...
Little Dragons	81.04	86.44	-0.13	0.58
-do- Acc	83.42	88.98	-0.12	0.58
Oriental Income	45.48	48.51	-0.30	3.28
-do- Acc	57.98	61.84	-0.39	3.28
Tiger	224.01	238.94	-0.22	1.10
-do- Acc	235.34	251.02	-0.25	1.10
UK Small Cos	88.95	95.13	-0.25	1.67
-do- Acc	103.78	110.99	-0.29	1.67
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	15.77	16.77	+0.25	0.50
Pacific Basin	33.85	36.01	-0.25	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.25	37.50	+0.16	...
Global Bond	$0.985	$1.026	-0.004	6.89
Penny Share	25.84	27.48	-0.26	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.31	53.31	...	4.88
Gilt Growth	73.12	78.15	-0.27	...
Gilt Income	54.94	57.17	-0.20	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.50	112.90	-0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.729	-0.000	...
Challenger	98.86	101.20	-0.20	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.04	75.57	-0.82	1.84

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	2,600	Cadbury	1,500	MB Cardn	1,200	Scot Power	4,800
Abbey Natl	2,300	Carlton C	559	Marks Spr	3,400	Sears	3,900
Alld-Lyons	3,300	Coats Vyla	2,400	NFC	1,300	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	898	Cm Union	1,300	NatWst Bk	4,500	Shell Trans	3,400
Argyll Gp	1,200	Courtaulds	1,900	Nat Power	1,900	Siebe	2,600
Arjo Wiggn	3,300	De La Rue	228	Nth Wst W	487	SmKl Bch	6,200
AB Foods	304	Enterpr Oil	1,000	Nthrn Fds	11,000	Smith Nph	1,300
BAA	908	Forte	2,000	P & O	1,600	Std Chartd	739
BAT Inds	3,200	GRE	1,300	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	636
BOC	2,100	GUS A	154	PowerGen	1,000	TI Gp	808
BP	6,500	Gen Acc	309	Prudential	7,200	TSB	4,800
BT	12,000	Gen Elec	4,400	RMC	474	Tate & Lyle	1,400
BTR	10,000	Glaxo	4,000	RTZ	5,400	Tesco	3,000
Bk of Scot	1,000	Granada	1,100	Rank Org	1,900	Thames W	1,700
Barclays	3,600	Grand Met	3,200	Reckitt Col	1,700	Thrn EMI	918
Bass	3,800	Guinness	4,000	Redland	2,000	Tomkins	5,300
Blue Circle	2,200	HSBC	2,700	Reed Intl	849	Unilever	1,900
Boots	1,800	Hanson	17,000	Rentokil	1,300	Utd Bisc	1,400
Bowater	1,600	ICI	1,500	Reuters	1,700	Vodafone	823
Brit Aero	9,900	Inchcape	852	Rothmans	712	Warburg (SG)	105
Brit Airwys	4,700	Kingfisher	1,900	Ryl Ins	2,300	Wellcome	1,900
Brit Gas	7,700	Ladbroke	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbd 'A'	1,400
Brit Steel	24,000	Land Secs	1,300	Sainsbury	3,300	Wllms Hld	3,200
Burmah C	167	Legal & Gn	492	Scot Hydro	1,200	Wolseley	271
Cable Wire	1,800	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot & New	915	Zeneca	2,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3595.64 (-20.12)
S&P Composite .... 457.20 (-2.70)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7488.77 (-14.92)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 122.4 (-2.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1903.6 (-9.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1860.39 (-20.18)

FT 30 share: .... 2321.2 (-32.9)

Brussels:
General .... 6708.76 (+16.46)

Paris: CAC .... 588.09 (+2.68)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 555.80 (+0.30)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1488.64 (-17.46)
FT 500 .... 1604.41 (-19.54)
FT Gold Mines .... 155.0 (+9.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.05 (-0.78)
FT Govt Secs .... 101.46 (-0.88)
Bargains 29904
SEAQ Volume 741.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 144.82 (-0.50)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 13	September 24	December 9	December 20

Call options were taken out on 15/9/93: Aegis Group, Com-Tek Resources, Eurotunnel, Ferranti, McCarthy & Stone, Proteus, United Biscuits.
Puts: Airtours, HTV.
Put & Call: Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3033.0	3036.0	2977.0	2986.0	21391
Previous open interest: 57018	Dec 93	3058.0	3060.0	2998.0	3010.0	14607
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.03	94.05	94.03	94.05	6314
Previous open interest: 375509	Dec 93	94.29	94.31	94.18	94.20	69719
	Mar 94	94.45	94.46	94.26	94.29	29376
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.46	96.47	96.45	96.45	629
Previous open interest: 8724	Mar 94	96.41	96.41	96.40	96.39	472
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.93	93.98	93.88	93.92	60016
Previous open interest: 567223	Mar 94	94.45	94.50	94.39	94.42	29788
Long Gilt	Sep 93	113-13	113-13	111-23	111-25	2643
Previous open interest: 83461	Dec 93	113-08	113-12	111-09	111-17	121981
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	111.00	111.11	110.81	110.84	1119
	Mar 94				110.34	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	98.39	98.51	98.12	98.18	87594
Previous open interest: 145558	Mar 94	98.41	98.49	98.30	98.23	280
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.24	101.30	101.06	101.08	2717
Previous open interest: 14579	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.15	93.24	93.06	93.08	2940
Previous open interest: 25211	Mar 94	93.99	94.06	93.88	93.88	1154
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.54	95.56	95.52	95.53	2666
Previous open interest: 41201	Mar 94	95.92	95.92	95.88	95.88	424
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.03	114.23	112.49	112.92	42142
Previous open interest: 61398	Mar 94	113.56	113.56	112.90	112.62	135

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.2 (day's range 80.9-81.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7700-2.7885	2.7700-2.7735	par-¼ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	52.65-53.32	52.65-52.85	17½-23ds	40-49ds
Copenhagen	10.1040-10.2280	10.1040-10.1270	4-5¼ds	10-13ds
Dublin	1.0694-1.0719	1.0696-1.0715	8-12ds	20-27ds
Frankfurt	2.4637-2.4764	2.4637-2.4670	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	252.56-255.31	254.36-255.31	99-105ds	301-321ds
Madrid	196.97-198.79	196.97-197.88	70-82ds	188-210ds
Milan	2357.70-2375.50	2368.30-2373.10	5⅝-6⅝ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.0303-2.0374	2.0341-2.0370	0.30-0.23pr	0.49-0.36pr
New York	1.5400-1.5520	1.5510-1.5520	0.38-0.37pr	1.06-1.03pr
Oslo	10.7480-10.8030	10.7480-10.7710	⅜-⅞ds	2½-1pr
Paris	8.5770-8.6690	8.6000-8.6220	⅞-1¼ds	2½-3¼ds
Stockholm	12.1470-12.2300	12.2060-12.2300	1½-3ds	4¼-5¼ds
Tokyo	162.80-164.98	164.71-164.98	⅜-⅛ds	1⅝-1¼pr
Vienna	17.34-17.45	17.34-17.37	½-1¼ds	1⅞-3¼ds
Zurich	2.1470-2.1608	2.1535-2.1566	¼-⅛pr	⅝-¼pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5512-1.5538
Australia dollar	2.3903-2.3937
Bahrain dinar	0.5745-0.5865
Brazil cruzeiro *	166.62-167.98
Cyprus pound	0.75-0.76
Finland marka	8.747-8.863
Greece drachma	351.75-358.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0081-12.0174
India rupee	48.00-48.96
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4565-0.4665
Malaysia ringgit	3.9491-3.9532
Mexico peso	4.71-4.81
New Zealand dollar	2.8110-2.8164
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.707-5.833
Singapore dollar	2.4816-2.4839
S Africa rand (fin)	7.3099-7.3613
S Africa rand (com)	5.2799-5.2857
U A E dirham	5.593-5.717

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5349-1.5372
Austria	11.22-11.23
Belgium (Com)	33.97-34.04
Canada	1.3090-1.3095
Denmark	6.5195-6.5270
France	5.5350-5.5370
Germany	1.5880-1.5885
Hong Kong	7.7348-7.7358
Ireland	1.4613-1.4628
Italy	1521.5-1522.5
Japan	105.63-105.68
Malaysia	2.5435-2.5445
Netherlands	1.7840-1.7860
Norway	6.9250-6.9300
Portugal	162.39-162.49
Singapore	1.5972-1.5982
Spain	128.25-128.75
Sweden	7.8377-7.8477
Switzerland	1.3820-1.3830

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 5/16 ; 3 mth 5¼. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5 11/16	5⅝-5 9/16	5⅝-5 9/16	5 17/32-5 15/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 27/32-5⅝	5 25/32-5⅝	5 25/32-5⅝	5 23/32-5 19/32	5 19/32-5 15/32
Interbank:	5 27/32-5⅝	5 25/32-5⅝	5 25/32-5⅝	5 23/32-5 19/32	5 21/32-5 15/32

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
Sterling CDs:	5 23/32-5 21/32	5⅝-5 19/32	5⅝-5 9/16	5 17/32-5 15/32	5 15/32-5 13/32
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.28-3.24	3.45-3.42
Building Society CDs:	5 23/32-5⅝	5 21/32-5⅝	5 19/32-5⅝	5½-5 15/32	5⅜-5 11/32

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993 Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.896 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2¾	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2 15/16	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	7-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅝-6½	6⅜-6¼	7-6
French Franc:	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7	7 1/16-6 15/16	6 13/16-6 11/16	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4¾-4⅝	4⅝-4½	4 7/16-4 5/16	4¼-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	2 9/16-2 7/16	2 9/16-2 7/16	2 7/16-2 5/16	2⅜-2¼	3¼-2¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bullion Co)

Bullion: Open $345.40-345.80 Close: $347.30-347.80 High: $348.30-348.80 Low: $344.60-345.10 Krugerrand: $346.00-349.00 (£222.00-224.00)

Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£52.00-54.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£52.00-54.00)

Platinum: $353.75 (£228.10) Silver: $4.02 (£2.585) Palladium: $117.50 (£75.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	550	38½	48½	57½	7½	16½	22½
(*577½)	600	11½	22	32	30	42½	48
Argyll	300	14½	22½	29	7½	15½	19
(*305)	330	3½	9½	16	28½	34½	37
ASDA	57	7½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*62½)	67	2	—	—	6½	—	—
Boots	460	34	42½	52½	5½	13½	19
(*465½)	500	9½	21	31	23½	33½	38½
Br Airways	345	21½	32½	—	9	19½	—
(*355)	360	13½	24	33½	16½	27½	32
BP	280	24½	30½	34½	3	7	10½
(*299½)	300	11	18½	23½	8½	15½	19
Br Steel	110	6½	12	16½	6½	9½	13
(*110)	120	3	7½	12	13½	15½	18½
C & W	800	36½	56½	72	13	27½	34
(*818)	850	12	32	47	41	54½	60½
CU	580	39	—	—	5	—	—
(*607½)	629	10½	—	—	28	—	—
ICI	681	53	72	—	9½	16½	—
(*722)	750	11	30½	41½	36½	48½	63½
Kingfishr	632	26½	—	—	13	—	—
(*646½)	650	16½	36½	50	22½	33	41
Land Sec	650	31½	44	57	8½	22	27½
(*666½)	700	7½	19½	32	37½	49½	54½
M & S	360	27½	35	42	4½	9	12½
(*381)	390	8½	18	25	16	22½	26
Nat West	460	31½	45	50½	5	13	22
(*482)	500	9½	22½	28½	24½	32	42½
Sainsbury	420	39	48	56½	4	13	17½
(*453)	460	12½	24	32½	19	28½	33
Shell	600	50	57	62	2	8	17½
(*648)	650	9	25½	32½	21½	30½	41½
Smkl Bch	390	32½	43	51	7½	18	23
(*406½)	420	15½	28	36	22½	33½	37½
Storehse	220	11	17½	22	7	13	16
(*222)	240	3½	8½	13½	21	25½	28
Trafalgar	92	8½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*97)	101	4	—	—	8	—	—
Unilever	1000	66	87	99½	6½	21	30
(*1048)	1050	30½	55	68	23	45	51½
Zeneca	700	32	54½	63½	15½	28½	45
(*724)	750	9½	30	38½	46½	56½	73
	Series	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	390	39½	44½	49½	4	13½	16
(*418)	420	14½	26½	32½	14	27	31
Ladbroke	180	17	23½	29½	5	11	16
(*193½)	200	6	13½	16	16½	22	27½
Utd Bisc	360	14½	27½	31	15½	24½	33½
(*361½)	390	4	15	18½	38½	44	52½

September 15, 1993 Tot: 56946 Call: 32295 Put: 24651 FT-SE Call: 9344 Put: 14264
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	800	39½	49	64½	19	28½	34½
(*812½)	850	16	26	40½	47	56½	62
Thames W	550	21	28	37½	19	25	30
(*551)	600	4	10½	17½	56½	59½	63
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	450	24½	36½	—	13	19	—
(*457½)	475	12	24	—	27	32½	—
BTR	360	19	28	31	8½	14½	19½
(*372)	390	6	13½	16½	28	32	37
Br Aero	390	30½	48½	56	26	39	46½
(*393)	420	19	35	43	44½	57	64
Br Telcm	390	32½	38½	43½	3½	10½	12
(*414)	420	12	18	26½	14½	24½	26½
Cadbury	453	19	31	34	14½	22	30½
(*456)	493	5½	14½	18	44½	47½	56
Guinness	460	19	33½	38½	19½	27	35
(*460)	500	5½	16½	22½	48½	53	60
GEC	330	16	22	28	9	13	16
(*333)	360	4½	10½	15	30	33½	34
Hanson	240	18	22	24	4½	9	11½
(*251)	260	7	12	14	14	19	21½
LASMO	130	12	18	21	8	11	14½
(*133½)	140	7	13	17	14	15½	19½
Lucas	140	18	22½	25	5	8	11
(*154½)	160	6	11	14	15½	19	21½
Pilkingtn	140	19½	23½	25	3½	8	9½
(*154)	160	8	13	15	13	18½	20
Prudential	330	12½	21½	24½	14	18	25
(*330½)	360	3½	9½	12½	37	38½	44
Redland	500	55	67½	72	11	15	28½
(*547)	550	21½	37	45	30½	36½	57½
Royal Ins	288	39	36	—	5½	10½	—
(*306½)	317	11½	19	—	19	23½	—
Tesco	200	20½	26	29	3½	9	13½
(*215)	220	8½	15	18½	14	18½	24
Vodafone	460	59	49	58½	14	23½	27½
(*477½)	500	19	28½	38	34	44½	48½
Williams	300	27	35½	39	9½	11	16
(*323½)	330	10	19	23	20½	25	31½

FT-SE INDEX (*2988½)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Sep	139	89	41	7	1	½
Oct	151	108	71	41	21	8½
Nov	170	131	96	66	43	27
Dec	190	152	119	88	65	45
Jun	—	230	—	171	—	123
Puts						
Sep	½	1	4	21	65	115
Oct	10	18	30	52	83	127
Nov	21	33	48	69	97	134
Dec	32	46	62	82	110	143
Jun	—	101	—	142	—	194

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	8	26	34½	1	13	20½
(*398½)	420	1	11	20½	23½	29	36½
Amstrad	35	5½	7½	9	1	2	3
(*40)	40	0½	5	6½	1	4	5½
Barclays	500	5½	29½	41	2	18	29
(*503½)	550	1	9	19	49	51½	58½
Blue Circ	260	22	28½	36½	1	9	14
(*278½)	280	1½	16½	25½	3½	17	23½
Br Gas	300	24½	28	33	1	6½	9½
(*323)	330	1	9	17	7½	19	24
Dixons	220	14	26	32½	1	9	14½
(*233)	240	1	13	21½	8½	19	24
Forte	220	20	26½	32½	1	7½	13
(*238)	240	1½	14	22	3½	16½	23
Hillsdwn	160	6½	13	17	1	10	13
(*164)	180	1	5	9	17	24½	26½
Lonrho	110	10	16	19½	1	5½	9
(*118½)	120	1	10½	15	2½	10	14½
Sears	110	3½	8	11	1	6	7
(*112½)	120	1	3½	6½	9½	12½	13½
Thm Eml	950	35	66½	79½	1	23	34½
(*980)	1000	1	26½	53	25	46½	59
Tomkins	220	10	20½	25	1	8	13
(*227½)	240	1	10½	15½	14	19	23½
TSB	200	2	13½	15	1	10½	16
(*200½)	220	1	5½	9½	22½	24	29½
Wellcome	700	20	55½	75	1	35½	48½
(*717½)	750	1	31	52	35	64½	75½
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	600	26	50½	69	1	36½	55½
(*624)	650	—	29	48	27	67	84
HSBC	650	48½	66	85½	1	18	36½
(*695½)	700	1	36	58½	7	40½	61
Reuter	1550	4	79½	117	6½	61	92
(*1551½)	1600	1	55½	91½	53½	88½	118
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	137	9	15	18	0½	6	10
(*144)	156	0½	7	10	14	19½	21½
	Series	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	14	17½	23½	4½	8½	13½
(*168)	180	4	8	14½	16	21½	25½
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	500	51	59	65	3½	10½	13
(*541)	550	17	27½	35	21	30½	33½
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	17	27½	35	1	9	13½
(*375½)	390	1	11	20	16	25½	29
Scot Pwr	350	18½	29½	—	1	6	—
(*367)	390	1	8½	14	24½	27	31½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Gold is expected to remain quiet over the next few days with the Jewish New Year holiday. The scale of the recent fall has surprised many traders. However examination of the open interest on the New York futures market shows that during the rally the equivalent of 350 tonnes of new contracts were taken out, showing that investors preferred geared futures contracts to physical bullion.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
COCOA

Sep	835-826	Dec	930-928
Dec	862 SLR	Mar	942-940
Mar	890-889	May	952-950
May	898-897	Jul	958-956
Jul	908-906		
Sep	918-917		Volume: 12928

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1360 BID	May	1270-1265
Nov	1294-1290	Jul	1270-1250
Jan	1279-1275	Sep	1270-1250
Mar	1268-1266		Volume: 5124

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	271.0-69.0
Spot: 283.2		Aug	275.5-73.5
Oct	269.5 SLR	Oct	266.9-62.5
Dec	264.5-63.5	Dec	268.9-62.9
Mar	267.5-66.5		Volume: 2024

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.52	79.76	118.95
(+/-)	-5.94	-0.25	-6.35
Eng/Wales:	64.48	79.77	117.89
(+/-)	-5.95	-0.36	-6.38
(%)	+16.7	-14.4	+10.5
Scotland:	74.80	79.74	125.21
(+/-)	-3.00	+0.01	-6.44
(%)	+25.0	-49.6	+16.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	..		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	100.50
Nov	102.55
Jan	104.55
Mar	106.50
May	108.65
	Volume: 371

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	100.70
Nov	102.40
Jan	104.55
Mar	106.75
May	107.70
	Volume: 62

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	..
Dec	..
Feb	..
Apr	..
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	67.5
Apr	84.5	82.9
May	unq	96.3
		Volume: 83

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 59.00-59.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With Iran demanding a larger quota from the Opec meeting in ten day's time levels tumbled.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.35	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Oct)	15.60	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.00	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	16.85	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.20	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	181 (n/c)	183 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	162 (-1)	163 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	165 (-2)	166 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	166 (-1)	168 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	60 (-1)
Naphtha	145 (n/c)	148 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Oct	160.50-60.75	Jan	165.00 BID
Nov	162.00-62.25	Feb	164.75-65.25
Dec	163.50-63.75	Mar	163.50-63.75
			Vol: 13454

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	15.58-15.61	Jan	16.45-16.48
Nov	15.95-15.96	Feb	16.65-16.68
Dec	16.23-16.25		Vol: 36657

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	168.75-69.50	Jan	unq
Nov	172.50 SLR	Feb	unq
Dec	166.00-71.50		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	1462	1460	1460
Oct 93	1520	1500	1500
Nov 93	1520	1495	1495
Jan 94	1515	1495	1495

Vol: 194 lots Open int'st: 2997 Index 1424 +5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1918.0-1920.0	1872.5-1873.5	242890
Lead ($/tonne)	381.00-382.00	395.00-395.50	74950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	873.00-874.00	888.00-889.00	459850
Tin ($/tonne)	4490.0-4492.0	4540.0-4542.0	15920
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1109.0-1109.5	1129.5-1130.0	1033100
Nickel ($/tonne)	4405.0-4410.0	4465.0-4470.0	80190

Widespread losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 6. Dealings end September 17. §Contango day September 20. Settlement day September 27. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	399	-3	11.5	3.6	15.4
284	179	Allied Irish	259	-6	...	4.0	14.4
197½	130	Ans New Z	170	...	...	5.0	...
3809½	2712½	Bankamerica	3081½	...	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	244	-25	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	-3	...	3.0	19.6
176	116½	Bank Scotland	162½	...	17.0	6.1	...
517	362	Barclays	505	-4½	4.5	3.5	32.4
4½	2	Benchmark	4	-1	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	20	...	...	...	...
570	395	Cater Allen	566	...	...	...	...
153	85	Cattles	144 †	-1	27.0	6.0	...
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2281¼	...	...	3.0	19.2
2321½	1343½	Citicorp	2325 †	-53½	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	415	-6½	...	...	...
£130½	9275	Commerzbk	£124½	-9	...	2.9	18.5
£317½	£230½	Deutsche Bk	£309½	-100	...	3.2	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	87½	+46½	...	1.0	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1463	-25	...	0.7	...
495	343	Gerrard Nat	493	...	...	0.4	...
774	490	HSBC	699	...	21.5	5.5	13.1
752	474	HSBC HK	680	-2	19.0	3.4	16.0
389	245	Hambros	359	-7	19.0	3.5	16.1
413	313	Joseph (L)	410	...	14.0	4.9	16.6
155	96	King Shaxson	145	...	16.6	5.1	...
506	312	Kleinwort Ben	474	...	9.0	7.8	...
591	402	Lloyds	542	-7	16.0	4.2	16.4
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	103	-5	18.4	4.2	15.5
527	322	Nat Aust Bk	465	-1	3.0	3.6	20.4
512	398	Nat West	483	-2	...	4.1	17.2
460	270	Provident	410 †	-4	17.5	4.5	29.3
54	39	Rea Bros	51 †	-10	11.4	3.5	17.8
308	207	Ryl Bk Scot	297	...	0.5	1.2	54.2
1335	467½	Schroders	1308	-1	8.6	3.7	...
994	576	Stand Chart	909	-7	...	1.1	26.0
218	145½	TSB	202½	-11	20.0	2.7	...
190	78	Union Disc	187	-2½	8.4	4.0	...
815	529	Warburg SG	794	...	...	...	...
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	278	-7	...	3.0	20.0
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7681½	-2	...	2.7	...
187	121	Westpac	171	-100	...	1.4	...
285	188	Wintrust	283	+1	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	575	-18	...	4.6	15.5
647	441	Bass	479	-13	18.9	4.9	10.4
299	180	Boddington	277	-1	7.3	3.3	16.0
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	453	-5	...	2.8	19.8
167	120	Burtonwood Brw	164	+1	4.7	3.6	13.7
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	52	+½	...	5.0	∞
425	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	434	...	7.4	2.2	18.2
480	383	Grand Met	418	-13	12.3	3.7	13.8
422	347	Greenalls Grp	381	-3	11.7	3.9	12.6
572	305	Greene King	564	-2	...	2.7	15.9
521	437	Guinness	460	-9	...	3.2	16.4
281	230	Hardy Hanson	264	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
125	105	Heavitree	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	255	Highland Distl	340	+1	6.0	2.2	22.6
3138	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.5
80	33	Hoskins Brew	69	+2	...	...	49.7
323	250	Invergordon Dist	284 †	-6	...	3.0	16.8
186	151	Macallan-Glen	151	-1	0.9	0.8	33.9
465	375	Marstn Marsn 'A'	385	...	...	2.9	18.4
221	164	Mansfield	214	...	...	2.2	15.3
290	231	Mrston Thmp	280	...	...	2.4	16.9
465	328½	Matthew Clark	465	...	...	4.5	13.6
300	253	Mrydwn W	293	...	7.0	3.0	23.1
545	455	Morland	538	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
12	6½	Paramount♦	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
187	145	Regent Inns	179	+3	...	3.1	17.9
975	753	SA Breweries	822	-2	...	3.1	14.4
487	408	Scot & New	483	+3	...	4.4	15.0
225	181	Taunton Cider	214	-2	6.0	3.5	17.5
256	213	Vaux Group	254	-1	9.3	4.6	17.5
325	225	Wetherspoon JD	324	-1	...	1.9	26.2
559	435	Whitbread 'A'	538	-1	...	4.1	14.5
1400	650	-do- 'B'	1400	-75	...	1.6	35.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	488	...	11.4	2.9	13.7
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120 †	...	...	1.0	45.0
25½	12½	Albrighton♦	18 †	...	...	...	...
130	87	Allen♦	128	-2	...	4.9	29.0
107	65	Amec	99	-3	3.0	...	18.0
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
304	155	Ashtead♦	303	...	4.5	1.9	48.7
142	101	Attwoods	135	+1	5.0	4.6	19.5
260	180	BPB Ind	254	-3	...	3.7	43.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	...	0.5	2.4	...
108	74	Barlow	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Barton	44	-3	2.0	5.8	21.3
165	94	Barratt Devs	165	+1	2.0	1.5	18.4
451	305	Bellway	451	...	...	3.3	26.1
43	15	Bellwinch	42	-1	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	434	-2	...	1.8	26.6
116	45	Best Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	58	...	1.0	2.3	60.8
288	189	Blue Circle	277	-5	...	5.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	274	...	5.9	2.7	19.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	88	...	4.6	6.5	21.3
121	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
85	45	Brit Fittings	82	-3	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	145	+2	4.8	4.1	31.0
98	53	CALA	96	+5	2.3	3.0	∞
296	200	CRH	294 †	+3	...	2.9	20.8
43	18	Cakebread Rby	35	+4	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	34	-1	...	...	...
143	86½	Countryside	140	...	...	3.7	37.0
85	38	Crest Nicholson	84	-1	0.0	...	...
112	22	Cussins	107	-1	...	1.2	...
3½	1½	Dunston♦	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.5	3.4	...
275	178	Epwin	273 †	-1	6.8	3.1	23.1
58	32	Erith	54	-4	0.3	0.8	...
468	252	Eve Group♦	468	...	...	2.7	16.9
6½	3½	Explaura♦	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp♦	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	47	...	4.3	...	18.9
28	32	Gibbs & Dandy	72 †	...	...	...	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	915	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
144	90	Hewden-Stuart	139	...	...	2.9	31.8
51	28	Howenson	43	...	...	3.6	31.7
355	186	Heywd Wim	354	+2	12.5	4.5	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	110	...	2.5	2.8	...
38	28	Bow Gp	38	...	...	...	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.9	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	308	...	9.0	3.7	12.2
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	127	-½	...	6.3	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside	92	...	4.5	6.1	34.6
21	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17	...	...	...	7.7
350	240	Manders	334	...	9.0	3.4	20.3
168	93	Marley	155 †	-1	4.2	3.4	45.5
107	61	Marshalls	106	...	...	4.7	73.0
180	122	Maunders (J)	180	...	4.9	3.4	16.5
215	95	McAlpine (A)	214 †	...	6.5	3.8	37.0
40½	23	McCarthy & S	38	...	0.5	...	...
417	272	Meyer Int	405	-1	...	3.1	40.6
129	62	Mowlem (J)	125	-1	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	131	-2	...	...	...
53	48	Needler♦	48	...	...	3.7	35.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	147	...	...	...	19.3
300	197	Persimmon	285	...	8.6	3.8	28.8
31	12	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
161	80	Prowting	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti♦	2	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	799	-2	...	3.1	31.4
117	75½	Raine Ind	89	-1	6.0	8.4	14.9
36	20	Ransom♦	23	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	547	-2	25.0	5.7	31.8
85	64	Rockol	71	-9	4.3	7.7	10.3
290	207	Rugby Group	272	-3	6.4	3.0	20.6
50	25	Swift-Rve♦	50	...	...	0.6	...
127	68	Sharpe & Fisher	127	...	...	4.0	21.8
221	86½	Sheffield Ind	215	...	...	3.1	52.8
163	82	Sherif Hldgs♦	163	...	...	1.5	24.3
95	66	Shorco♦	80 †	...	...	8.1	18.2
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
3½	2½	Stanrain	3½	...	...	3.4	...
161	100	Tarmac	152	-3	5.5	4.5	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	5.8	4.2	11.2
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	112	-7	1.0	1.1	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	608	...	33.0	6.8	19.8
39	19	Torex Hire♦	37	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	239	-5	8.0	4.2	42.1
40	30	Try Group	30	-3	1.0	4.2	8.4
28	26	Tudor♦	26	...	...	1.2	...
88½	41	Vibroplant	83 †	-1	2.5	3.8	29.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
26	8	Wescol♦	23	...	...	...	...
164	90	Westbury	164	...	5.0	3.8	25.6
12	4½	West Scaffold♦	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	452	...	8.7	2.4	30.8
205	147	Wilson (C)	190	...	3.9	2.6	32.7
194	104	Wimpey G	178	-2	...	3.7	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	615	-13	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	6.2
92	56	Air London♦	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Auto Sec	149	+1	...	4.4	26.7
138	84	BET Ord	125½	-1½	...	3.2	5.1
101	41	BNB Res	100	...	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.0	4.5	15.0
24	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	...	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	236	-2	4.7	2.6	∞
26	11	Broadcastle♦	25 †	...	...	1.3	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
109	86	CRT Gp	109	...	...	3.3	18.0
193	139½	Capita Group	191	...	...	1.4	29.8
45	31	Casket Plc	42½	-½	...	2.4	16.3
21	19½	Cathern Capital	21	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	340	-8	...	1.7	21.1
100	18	Comac♦	92	...	...	2.0	23.0
30	6½	Corp Services	26	-½	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	48	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	243	...	...	4.1	18.3
104	85	EW Fact♦	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	11	Gardiner	31 †	...	0.6	...	...
257	215	Hays	246	-2	4.0	2.3	24.2
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	231	-4	...	3.6	16.6
70	35	Holmes Protectn	36	+1	...	...	2.2
208	177	Hutch Whamp	196	-4	...	2.4	16.7
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1950	...	...	5.4	2.6
637	519	Inchcape	530	-6	...	3.3	18.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	833	...	25.7	3.9	18.2
12	2½	Lep	10	-½	...	...	...
289	173	Mitie Gp	285	+1	3.5	1.5	22.2
1187	893	Manpower	987	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	62	...	1.8	3.7	26.1
270	167	Pennant♦	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People♦	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	122	...	...	12.3	6.8
423	337	RCO	387 †	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
116	98	REA	98	...	4.0	5.1	...
106	43	Reed Executive	104	-1	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec♦	113	...	...	5.0	34.5
238	178	Rentokil	208	-8	3.3	1.4	29.8
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	249	-5	...	3.6	14.0
399	334	Salvesen (C)	355	-4	...	2.7	19.5
30	26	Scott Pickford♦	39	...	...	2.6	12.4
6½	5	Select App♦	6	...	...	...	...
1133	695	Serco Gp	1133 †	...	14.0	1.5	31.3
352	124	Sherwd Cmpt♦	158	-2	...	5.6	4.6
130	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Wamer Howrd	345	-5	6.5	2.4	18.0
45	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	241	+2	...	2.2	21.2
801	613	Amersham	813	-3	...	2.1	28.1
[illegible]	1½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£103½	8325	BASF DM	£9987	-59½	...	3.2	...
297	199	BTP	282	-2	...	4.1	19.4
£123½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£119½	+9½	...	4.4	...
178	134	Blagden	168	...	9.5	...	18.2
165	93	Brent Chems	118	...	...	7.9	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	373	+5	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	144	...	7.2	6.3	16.5
505	504	Courtaulds	513	-2	...	3.4	13.6
335	238	Croda	331	-1	...	3.0	18.8
149	121	Dorflex	136	-2	4.6	4.2	10.4
225	175	Ellis & Everard	218	...	...	4.0	20.8
34½	15½	Euro Colour	34	-½	0.8	2.9	20.8
329	269	Halstead (J)	327	...	...	2.3	16.4
211	167	Hickson	187	-1	...	5.4	17.1
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£108	-75	...	3.3	...
325	195	Holliday Chem	220 †	...	...	2.1	20.3
740½	608	ICI	722	-14	...	4.8	...
636	576	Laporte	620	-1	10.5	3.9	17.1
220	181	Leigh	226	-2	...	4.3	21.8
97½	35	MTM	86	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1750	-21½	...	1.6	24.9
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	16.1
286	221	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
285	173	Porvair	265	+3	3.6	1.7	28.2
70	35	Scientific Speak	68	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	480	...	16.0	4.2	19.3
495	395	Wolstenhlme R	493	...	17.0	4.3	16.9
401	330	Yorks Chem	374	...	...	2.6	20.0
306	238	Yule Catto	278	...	5.9	2.7	17.0
765	593	Zeneca	726	-9	...	4.9	42.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66 †	...	...	5.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	75	+1	3.1	5.2	20.6
382	257	Argos Plc	342	-7	...	2.6	29.0
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	-1	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	108	+1	0.1	0.1	...
315	278	Asprey	315	...	5.1	2.0	21.8
134	94	Austin Reed	131	-1	...	2.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	...	...	5.0	15.1
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	235	+1	...	1.1	28.1
41	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.0	...
222	133	Body Shop	184	-5	...	1.2	22.7
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	13½	-½	...	0.8	6.6
401	318	Brown (N)	301	-1	...	2.3	23.0
87½	64½	Burton	73	-2½	...	3.4	...
149	126	Cantors	148	...	4.0	3.6	∞
360	29[illegible]	Church	345 †	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	159	...	4.2	3.3	19.2
262	212	Coats Viyella	258½	+1½	...	3.6	35.3
112	78	Colorvision♦	103	...	5.6	6.8	14.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	695 †	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eye♦	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
129	89	Dairy Farm Intl	123	+1	...	2.9	18.2
87	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	87	...	1.0	1.4	27.8
281	180	Dixons Grp	230	-3	...	3.3	...
473	320	Dunhill	385	-3	8.1	2.6	15.0
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	165	...	...	2.1	28.0
273	203	Etam	266	+2	6.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	579	...	12.7	2.8	18.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	45	...	...	...	...
555	498	Fortnmaster	555	+2	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	24	French Conn♦	120	-17	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	62	-6	2.1	4.3	∞
66	23	Goldsmiths Gp	68	...	0.3	0.6	...
3925	2400	GUS	3800	...	...	1.5	29.6
2165	1563	-do- 'A'	2120	+3	...	2.6	16.5
40	31	Hampden Grp♦	33	...	...	3.8	16.4
277	20	Hartstone	63	...	...	5.6	...
26	20	Helene Plc	25½	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	29	Heritage♦	68	-1	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle♦	70	...	...	1.8	9.9
123	63	Jacques Vert	122	...	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	647	+2	...	2.7	21.0
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	498	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.1
320	241	Lloyds Chem	279	-2	5.5	2.5	20.9
152	120	MFI	146 †	-1	...	3.2	30.7
399½	311	Marks Spencer	391	-8½	...	2.7	20.9
565	445	Menzies (John)	564	...	...	2.4	15.8
230	135	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
210½	139½	Next	208½	-2	2.5	1.5	24.7
41	15	Oliver (G)	40	+1	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	295	-2	...	4.1	14.5
63	38½	Pentos	47	-½	1.5	4.0	9.8
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.8
43	30½	Rhino Grp♦	41	-1	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	161	...	...	2.0	14.5
117	93	Sears	112½	-2½	...	3.9	...
41½	11	Signet Group	29½	+3	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	438 †	-8	...	4.1	14.6
15	4½	Specialeyes♦	14	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	222	-7	...	2.8	28.6
191	148	T & S Stores	166	...	5.9	4.4	12.4
160	71	Tie Rack	157	-1	1.0	0.8	25.7
231	160	Time Products	220	-1	7.5	4.3	19.0
126	63	Usher (Frank)♦	121	...	...	5.2	9.6
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum♦	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	103	...	...	0.2	46.7
78	45	Wid of Leather♦	67	-2	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale♦	190	...	...	2.7	24.8
4	2½	Xtra-vision♦	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	177½	-2½	...	3.5	17.8
240	223	Acal♦	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
362½	38	Acorn Comp♦	103	...	...	...	52.2
480	385	Admiral	467 †	...	5.4	1.4	19.8
170	104	Alba	170	...	...	3.6	20.8
50	19½	Alphameric	46	-1	...	...	...
41½	22	Amstrad	40	-1	0.4	...	...
128	61	App Holo	73	...	...	...	...
37	9½	Arlen	37	+2	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	78 †	-1	...	0.4	1.2
298	243	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	3½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	405	-11	19.2	6.0	...
575	455	Blick	480	...	9.2	2.4	18.7
1700	1075	Borland♦	1086	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	360	+4	6.3	2.2	23.4
449½	376	BT	414	-5	...	4.7	19.5
188½	150	BT P/P	171	-5	...	4.5	20.3
12	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12	...	0.1	1.0	...
130	110	Burnfield	122	...	5.7	6.0	19.0
875	669	Cable Wireless	820	-7	...	2.3	21.4
24½	11½	Chloride	23½	-1	...	...	...
273	220	CMI Micro♦	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Comput People	100	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	141	...	...	1.3	14.5
424	243	Critchley	421	...	...	1.8	∞
354	414	Delta	510	-1	...	3.5	20.8
360	205	Densmans Ele♦	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	471	...	7.2	1.9	16.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	60	...	2.3	5.2	19.7
1105	865	Dracks	1105	...	10.0	1.1	23.6
469	358	Electrocompnt	452	-3	...	2.2	18.4
580	470	El Data Prc	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
132	43	Electron House	132	+2	2.0	2.5	28.6
30½	10½	Emess	23½	-1	0.1	0.5	...
602	442	Eurotherm	597	-4	8.0	1.7	27.2
155	108	FKI	146	-4	...	2.6	21.4
465	340	Farnell Elect	454	-5	...	1.7	24.0
91	33	Feedback♦	90	...	...	2.1	11.7
14	7½	Ferranti	8½	-½	...	...	...
250	101	First Tech	257 †	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp♦	260	...	...	1.6	23.5
22½	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
363	264	GEC	333	-7	10.3	3.9	16.7
199	132	Graseby	192 †	...	...	7.1	40.4
14½	7½	Greystone	13	-½	...	...	...
39	26	Hitchens♦	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM♦	152	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.9	15.2
19	9	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
343	260	Kenwood App	333	+1	...	2.9	18.7
222	47	Kewill Sys♦	222	+6	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	186 †	...	3.5	3.7	22.1
60	16	Laser-Scan♦	46	...	...	...	...
365	122	LEMS♦	255	...	...	0.4	36.0
300	240	Lec Refrig	255 †	...	8.0	4.4	...
179	134	Life Sciences	144 †	-2	3.5	3.1	15.6
269	164	Logica	255	...	3.6	1.8	30.1
55	44	LPA Ind♦	55	...	...	8.0	15.5
220	162	MK Data Mngmt	228	-1	4.3	2.4	21.8
683	533	Macro 4	665	...	17.7	3.4	∞
665	527	Memrk Sw♦	660	-4	...	2.1	19.5
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1825	-20	...	...	16.8
227	147	Microgen	169	...	7.2	5.4	11.5
31½	23½	Microvitec♦	31½	-½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	500	...	...	1.8	18.3
437	98	Mitel	429	...	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp♦	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
40	16	Molyux	39½	-½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Instr♦	245	...	...	1.8	18.5
165	105	Mukloms Elect	112	...	3.5	3.9	∞
221	116	Murray Enter	214	-2	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5325	NYNEX	6162½	-87½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics♦	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
218	58	Norbain♦	218	...	...	0.9	16.7
75	20	Northamber	57 †	-1	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	270	...	4.5	2.1	18.6
83	48	P-E Internl	70	-2	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	73	-3	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	72	-2	3.4	6.0	18.5
222	115	Pegasus♦	204	+2	...	3.9	51.8
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lnsp nv	1257½	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Photohuk♦	248	...	...	...	...
580	343	Pifco	580	...	...	1.8	26.1
580	303	-do- 'A' Voting	560	...	...	1.8	25.2
96	63	Plasmec♦	85	...	...	...	5.4
120	76	Pressac	116	-2	2.4	2.6	23.4
135	81	Psion♦	123 †	-2	...	2.5	32.7
261	160	Racal Elect	224	-1½	4.2	2.4	13.3
70	45	Radamec	66	+3	...	2.8	14.1
70	31	Radius♦	35	...	2.7	...	12.1
92	61	Real Time♦	72	-2	...	5.2	14.8
35	18	Rhd♦	23	...	...	...	29.2
629	367	Sage Gp	420	-13	9.0	2.7	13.5
348	222	Sanderson Elec	348	...	9.0	3.2	14.8
88	49	Scantronic	80	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
170	117	Scholes Grp	170	...	5.0	3.8	∞
375	220	Sema Gp	365	-8	2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	...	...
50	37	Soundtracks♦	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2375	...	...	1.4	26.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits♦	13	...	...	...	...
188	80	Telemetrix	173	-6	0.8	0.6	28.5
1017	809	THORN EMI	981	-9	...	4.1	20.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	110	-1	2.5	2.8	11.3
103	63	Total Systems♦	84	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
509	372	Tunstall	500	-6	6.0	1.5	20.0
294	164	Unitech	290	-4	...	2.6	68.7
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec♦	28	...	...	1.7	16.1
585	387	Vodafone	479	-5	...	1.8	21.7
473	368	Volex	464	-9	17.8	4.8	19.0
26	11	Western Selectn	23	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	290 †	...	11.7	5.0	30.8

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
541½	389	East Midlands	529	-8	...	4.6	9.9
552	399	Eastern Elect	541	-7	...	4.4	10.8
384	304	Hydro-Elect	379	-2½	...	3.8	13.7
563	404	London Elect	551	-7	...	4.4	12.2
603	458	Manweb	589	-8	...	4.5	8.5
583	424½	Midlands Elec	573	-4	...	4.4	10.3
387	273	National Powr	376	-6	...	3.5	11.2
600	440	Northern Elec	596	+1	...	4.5	8.6
174	100	Nthn Ireland	170	-3	...	4.3	9.7
598	438	Norweb	580	-9	20.0	4.3	9.0
410	273	PowerGen	408	-5	...	3.2	10.7
366	285	Scottish Power	367½	-1	...	3.8	13.6
612	436	Seeboard	609	...	...	4.1	9.8
616	469	Sth Wales	604	-2	...	4.6	10.1
568	426	Sth Western	554	-8	...	4.5	8.8
593	408	Southern Elec	549	-9	...	4.5	10.1
587	455	Yorkshire Elec	576	-8	...	4.4	10.9

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD♦	119	-2	...	3.4	18.6
93	26	Baltic Plc	93	...	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	543	...	...	3.5	20.2
1525	1075	Camellia	1525	+37½	...	1.0	5.7
313	243	Candover	301	...	12.2	4.3	21.2
150	71	Flextech♦	144	...	...	0.4	...
335	195	Govett	322	-1	...	4.7	10.1
188	125	Ivory Sime	184	...	...	4.4	17.3
8½	3	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
245	154	Lon Forfaitng♦	238	-2	8.4	4.5	17.1
67	47	Manakin	62	...	5.3	10.1	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	-1	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bro	330 †	...	6.0	2.3	20.1
26	17	Rutland Tst	25½	...	...	3.9	15.1
330	253	S & U	315	-11	10.0	4.0	11.2
83	48	Singer & Fried	81	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sothebys	753 †	-12	...	4.5	...
155	83	SPP Capital	145	-1	3.0	2.6	59.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2175 †	-19½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1038	-20	...	5.1	23.9
230	162	Invesco	163	-1	...	2.3	...
244	184	Jardine Strat	230	...	...	3.3	10.6
256	154	MAI	218½	-4½	6.0	3.4	15.9
692	389	MAM	677	-7	15.0	2.8	16.9
970	633	M & G	949	-14	...	2.8	25.3
342	109	Smith New Crt	316	-2	...	2.4	4.8
81	55	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	504	-6	14.0	3.5	11.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	62½	-1	1.6	3.2	14.9
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	72	+1	3.7	6.5	12.0
407	287	Argyll	305	-1½	...	4.5	11.3
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159	-15	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225 †	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	335	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp♦	66	...	...	5.4	14.8
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	418	-7	...	6.6	35.6
52	35	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	501	-1	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	28	Budgen	47	...	...	2.7	14.3
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	456 †	-12	...	3.6	16.1
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	190	-2	...	5.3	14.2
22	8½	Cullens	15½	-1	0.5	4.0	44.5
204	150	Dalepak	184	-1	6.0	3.9	15.5
521	424	Dalgety	485	-8	...	5.4	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
233	191	Devro	232	+6	...	3.0	22.1
134	99	Everest	112	-3	3.7	4.2	∞
369	269	Fairpak	369	...	5.7	1.9	22.7
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	76	-2	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	98	...	...	1.5	17.8
483	328	Geest	370	...	8.1	2.7	16.7
16	7	Global♦	15½	...	...	4.0	24.1
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	171	-3	...	4.7	9.6
175	131	Hillsdown	164	-1	8.8	6.8	12.7
250	205½	Iceland Group	219	-3	...	1.9	13.7
131	103	HJ Group	122	...	...	4.8	13.5
853	665	Kwik Save	707	-3	16.0	2.8	13.5
262	174	Low (Wm)	186	...	8.4	5.6	9.0
79	41	Matthews (B)	79	+6	2.2	3.6	51.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17½	...	1.1	7.9	35.8
174	124	Morrison (W)	130	-2	...	0.8	16.9
565	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	269	-4	...	3.9	13.4
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fn♦	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	199	-4	...	3.9	10.9
250	205	Park Foods	230	-5	...	3.3	17.7
115	78	Perkins Food	96	...	...	2.3	10.8
103	47	PizzaExpress	101	-1	...	0.6	58.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth♦	5½	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	452	-10	...	2.8	15.6
86	33	Senior Farms♦	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
125	94	Sims Food	117	...	...	8.0	22.5
439	357	Tate & Lyle	367	+1	12.0	4.1	11.6
223	195	Tesco	215	-1	...	4.1	10.0
211	123	Thorntons	164	-1	3.6	2.8	15.3
183	101	Treatt♦	165	...	...	2.7	18.8
410	300	Unigate	395	+6	...	5.1	13.0
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	362	+2	...	5.3	17.2
24½	18½	Usborne	19½ †	+½	...	5.1	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	299	...	13.3	5.6	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H♦	22	...	...	...	...
92	77	City Centre Rest	89 †	...	1.5	2.2	21.5
250	170	Forte	228	-3	...	3.9	18.7
220	155	Friendly Hotels	170	...	...	4.3	32.0
11½	5	Harmony Leis♦	9½	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	121½	...	...	5.3	16.7
222½	154	Ladbroke	194	-4	11.1	7.4	16.2
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	69	...	...	4.9	17.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47¾	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels♦	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	-10	7.0	1.0	...
66	34½	Stakis	60½	-2½	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
228	54	AAF Inds	54	-4	...	20.4	3.3
616	455	AAH	549	...	...	3.9	17.6
177	140	AIM	170	...	7.5	5.5	10.3
132	88	APV	98½	-4	...	6.6	...
238	81	ASW	201	-3	...	3.8	...
198	124	Adwest	197	-1	7.0	4.4	28.0
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20 †	...	...	4.7	26.3
274	249	Airsprung	273	...	...	2.1	17.4
156	113	Alexdra W	155	...	3.8	3.1	42.8
13½	6½	Allied Radio	9½	...	...	...	...
570	415	Alumasc	570	...	11.0	2.4	17.4
48	17	Alvis	43	...	1.0	2.9	8.8
525	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
45	18	Amberley Gp♦	38	...	...	3.3	...
102	78	Anagen	86	-2	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	108	-2	...	5.1	...
945	703	Antofagasta	898	-5	...	2.2	16.6
51½	37	Armour	51	...	1.6	4.1	∞
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.7	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	527	-1	...	3.9	21.0
250	168	Assoc Nursg	249	...	...	0.5	15.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	171 †	-4½	...	5.5	14.5
65	28	BLP Group♦	53	...	...	...	...
21	13	BM Gp	19½	-1½	5.0	...	0.8
770	627	BOC	650	-6	22.2	4.6	13.8
29½	22	BSG	24½	-1	...	5.4	25.9
487	353	BSS Group	463	+1	...	4.7	27.7
409½	318	BTR	372	-7½	...	3.7	20.5
221	155	BWI	187	-1	6.7	4.5	18.0
50	29	Babcock	34	...	...	7.7	20.3
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	276	...	8.9	4.1	18.9
1062½	350	Barlow Rand	562½	...	...	5.8	3.3
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	64	...	...	2.8	26.2
15	5	Beaufort	7	...	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham♦	6½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)♦	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	-½	0.3	2.4	∞
707	461	Bespak	535	-3	10.0	2.3	16.7
133	73	Bibby (J)	89	-1	9.7	...	5.2
312	129	Billam (J)	264	-1	5.0	2.4	13.2
41	21½	Bilston Batters♦	33	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
201	118½	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	∞
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn♦	1½	...	...	...	...
224	136	Black (Peter)	224	+5	3.7	2.1	∞
440	129	Bluebird Toys♦	438	+87	...	1.3	27.3
322	247	Bodycote	312	-1	...	2.0	19.9
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	486	-5	...	3.4	18.0
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	467 †	-7	...	3.1	19.5
1682	1207	Bowater Inc	1207 †	-23	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl♦	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	0.5	4.6	∞
303	204	Brammer	287	...	13.0	5.8	21.0
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	2.1	...
125	64	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	+1	...	7.5	∞
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
62	42	Br Bloodstock♦	60	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	499	...	...	2.5	17.8
118	54	Br Steel	110	+4	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	103	...	...	3.6	28.9
18½	11½	Br Thornton	17	...	...	1.8	18.6
268	215	Br Vita	245	-1	7.1	3.7	14.8
15½	9½	Britton Grp	15	...	...	1.5	...
730	555	Broken Hill	644	-7	...	2.7	52.5
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	110	...	...	5.0	14.3
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	67	+7	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	130	...	6.0	5.8	22.3
23	11½	Business Tech♦	16	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	23	...	...	...	...
25	11	Campbell & Arm	18	-2	1.0	5.4	22.1
39	6½	Cannon St	33½	...	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	250	+1	...	5.1	17.3
246	178	Carclo Eng	246	...	8.6	4.4	17.5
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2300	+12	...	2.6	∞
78	45	Cassidy Bros♦	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
208	158	Castings	208	...	4.3	2.6	14.7
62	62	Cathay Intl	62	...	...	...	...
190	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	+5	6.2	4.1	11.9
730	605	Charter	714	-1	...	3.9	16.8
345	276	Chemring	345	...	...	3.0	20.8
92	45	Chieftain Gp♦	31	...	5.1	...	10.9
39	17	Chillington	37	...	0.2	0.8	...
304	144	Christies Int	183	-1	...	1.0	45.3
63	34	Claymhtie	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	85	-5	...	...	...
7	2	Co Designers♦	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	385	Cohen (A)	303	+3	0.8	2.8	∞
223	170	Community H	196	+1	6.5	4.1	12.2
240	186½	Concentric	223	-1	...	3.1	18.8
230	120	Cook (Wm)	228	...	5.0	2.7	13.8
233	182	Cookson	207 †	-1	...	3.6	27.4
76	38	Copymore♦	68 †	+5	...	1.8	20.8
238	130	Crowll Fkr 'A'	162	...	5.7	4.4	13.8
178	92	Cosalt	127	...	10.7	...	19.3
224	150	Creighton NR♦	186	...	...	4.9	18.1
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.3
3737½	2993½	Daimi	3550 †	-9½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	225	...	...	0.6	21.4
243	193	David Brown	227	-6	...	3.3	16.1
22	5	Davies (DT)♦	22	...	...	...	...
712	632	De La Rue	669	-2	...	3.2	[illegible]
26	16	Dinkie Heel	24	...	6.5	4.5	[illegible]
552	391	Diploma	545	...	9.2	2.2	29.4
70	50	Dobson Park	73	...	5.7	...	4.2
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.8	22.6
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	[illegible]
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	420	-7	...	2.9	16.4
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2275	-50	...	[illegible]	...
70	45	Elliott (B)	70	+3	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	408	-2	...	6.2	[illegible]
132	111	Environmed	128	-3	...	...	55.0
3950	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3200	-109½	...	0.9	...
57	32	Europlpy	57	-1	...	...	[illegible]
87	47	Expamet	77	-3	...	...	[illegible]
717	499	Fairey Group	705	-4	[illegible]	[illegible]	21.6
95	53	Fenner	91	-2	4.2	...	17.2
56	32	Ferraris Group	55	...	...	2.3	12.9
1½	¼	Ferrometra♦	1½	...	...	...	...
29	20	Ferrum	20	...	2.5	[illegible]	14.0
60	28	File Indrnat	56 †	...	2.5	...	...
251	147	Fisons	168	+1	...	6.6	18.1
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	...	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.6	∞
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.2	4.9	[illegible]
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	1.6	5.3	[illegible]
240	166½	Frost Group	215	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
88	71	GEI Int	66	...	...	...	...
513	434	GKN	473 †	-7	...	5.4	5.5
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	95	...	4.0	5.3	...
161	103	Gestetner	146	-1	6.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Glevs	34	-1	...	...	24.6
801	509	Glaxo	624	-1	...	4.5	15.7
38	16	Glenchewon	32	...	...	...	...
318	265	Glynwed	298	-5	11.0	5.0	[illegible]
126	66	Goode Durrant	123	-2	...	7.5	...
145	102	Grampian Hd	142	-2	5.5	4.5	24.7
456	341	Granada	440	-13	...	2.2	[illegible]
410	301	Great Sthrn♦	410	...	...	3.4	16.7
101	78	Green (Ernst)♦	101	...	...	[illegible]	5.6
15½	8½	Greenacre♦	14½	-½	...	2.4	[illegible]
17	8	Guardian Grp♦	10½	...	...	...	...
61½	30½	Haden MacLn	57½	-1	...	4.4	[illegible]
83	44	Hadleigh Inds♦	76	...	...	0.9	...
290	115	Hall Eng	287	...	8.6	3.6	21.4
229	161	Halma	204	-1	...	1.2	21.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	...	1.6	4.9	13.5
265½	222	Hanson	251 †	...	...	5.7	12.5
221	187	Harris (Philip)	225	...	...	4.2	12.4
198	147	Harrison Crsfld	190	-4	9.0	6.4	25.5
66	38	Havelock Euro	69	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.3	∞
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	25.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	385	+3	14.8	4.8	[illegible]
228	160	Hewitt (J)	197	...	3.2	1.9	15.3
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
17½	6½	Holsmso♦	16	-½	...	...	77.0
162	87	Holders Tech♦	162	+1	...	4.8	21.5
52	30	Hopkinsons	51	...	1.3	3.2	[illegible]
167	133	Hornby♦	158	...	...	1.1	14.9
88	54½	Howden	76 †	+1	2.2	3.6	14.6
260	173	Hunting	248	+1	...	5.2	20.5
503	269½	Huntleigh Tech♦	498	...	...	2.5	12.7
312	247	IMI	285	-4½	...	4.5	24.9
117	90	ISA Intl	117	-2	1.5	1.6	[illegible]
205	144	Intercare Gp♦	147½	...	...	2.2	15.6
246	235	Isoron	285	...	4.3	1.9	∞
547	360	Jardine Math	533	-1	...	2.3	19.4
537	425	Johnson Matth	457	-1	...	2.8	20.0
64	36½	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
177	104	Johnston	157	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Stipman	26	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
79½	26	Kalamazoo	77½	-1½	2.1	3.4	18.0
178	73	Kalon	159 †	+1½	...	2.5	22.1
297	253	Kelsey Ind	258	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Keystow (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
235	75	Kleeneze	197	...	...	...	...
151	61	LGW♦	145 †	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
351	286	Laird	325	-1	...	4.1	15.8
157½	103	Lilleshall	146	...	...	3.6	19.2
178	97	Lincat♦	178	...	...	3.6	15.4
21½	4½	Lincoln Hse	20½	-1	...	...	...
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
280	170	Linton Park	250	-30	...	7.1	8.9
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	-½	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	173	Lon Intl	203	-7	9.4	5.8	15.5
136	70	Lonrho	119	...	...	4.3	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	368	...	...	3.1	51.5
344	265	MB-Caradon	314 †	-3	...	3.6	24.3
171	135	-do- pf	163½	-½	7.2	5.5	...
40	14½	ML Hdgs	39	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	...	7.6	42.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	211 †	...	...	1.9	23.9
460	379	McKechnie	436	-9	14.7	4.2	21.6
106	85	McLeod Russel	105	-1	6.0	7.1	12.8
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	-½	...	...	19.1
101	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	105	-1	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	23	-½	...	3.5	...
192	124	Mayborne♦	183	-1	...	3.4	15.2
62	29	Mayflower	60	-1	...	2.6	49.7
236	85	Medeva	106½	-9	...	2.6	8.6
118	88	Meggitt	109	-3½	...	4.3	18.6
125	98	Metalr	121	...	...	3.8	19.6
150	126	Metrotect	146	-1	...	2.8	20.3
90	70	Metsec♦	90	...	...	...	...
83	79	Midstaes	74	-3	...	1.3	10.3
25	14	Mining & Ald	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
510	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.4	13.2
345	262	Morgan Cble	302	-20	...	5.2	16.1
184	134	Morris Ashby♦	175	...	...	3.9	12.3
33	18	Neepsend	29	...	0.7	3.2	38.9
73	34	Nestor-BNA	63	+1	2.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	187	...	4.8	3.2	18.5
176	127½	Norcros	172	...	...	5.1	25.1
51	35	Novo Group	47	...	...	3.5	15.1
413	310	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
71	36	Office Elec Mac	71	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	31½	...	...	6.9	...
140	123	PCT♦	135	...	...	6.8	15.0
61	36	Pacer Systems♦	58	...	...	0.5	...
138	100	Pentland	100	...	...	3.2	15.4
395	310	Photo-Me	393	...	4.4	1.4	20.0
165	97½	Pilkington	154	-2	...	3.2	...
85	68	Plantsbrook	84	...	3.0	4.5	13.1
154	125	Polypipe	142	-2	2.1	1.9	∞
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	23	-2	...	0.8	10.5
11½	5½	Porta Gp♦	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	368	+3	...	2.2	19.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.6
59	33½	RPS Group♦	55 †	-2	2.2	4.9	12.4
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil♦	130	-3	...	1.0	43.5
808	636	Rank Org	773	-21	31.0	5.0	21.1
33	16	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	615	-11	...	3.3	22.1
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
246	131	Relyon	240	...	4.9	2.6	29.8
303	208	Renishaw	287	...	6.5	3.0	20.4
93	55	Renold	93	+1	...	1.3	...
1582	1240	Reuters	1549	-31	21.2	1.7	25.6
57	24½	Rexmore	55	...	1.7	4.0	...
156	91	Ricardo Group	155	...	5.7	4.6	43.6
75	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	4.4	7.4	...
98	63	Richardson West	86 †	...	3.0	4.4	22.0
139	109	Ropner	139	-1	8.2	7.6	19.2
134	97	-do- 'A'	134	...	8.2	7.9	18.5
38	24	Ross Gp	30	...	0.6	2.7	12.3
184	131½	Rotork	180	...	...	2.6	20.8
162	89	Rubicon	161	...	...	3.3	22.6
65	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
29	15	SEP Intl	27	-1	...	3.5	24.7
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	875	-25	...	...	...
53	39	Saville Grdn (J)	52 †	...	2.2	5.3	∞
248	205	Scapa	212½	-1½	...	3.5	16.2
238	192	Scholl	203	-5	...	3.9	14.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	6	-½	...	...	...
1080	917	Securicor	1080	+2	2.6	0.3	41.1
765	562	-do- 'A'	730	+1	2.6	0.4	27.6
680	465	Security Serv	625	...	5.0	1.0	31.0
121½	77	Senior Eng	119½	...	...	3.3	19.7
361	285	Seton Health	285	-3	...	2.5	16.8
68	42	Sheldon Jones♦	63	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	56	Shiloh	90	...	2.9	2.6	14.0
344	257	Siebe	319	-2	...	2.9	22.4
[illegible]	427	[illegible]	512	-12	...	2.4	19.2
774	[illegible]	[illegible]	774	...	...	2.7	[illegible]
131	102	[illegible]	127	-2	...	4.2	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Eng	67	+1	...	...	...
259	96	[illegible]	213	-1	7.0	[illegible]	13.7
47	36	[illegible]	38	...	...	5.6	...
164	[illegible]	Smith & Neph	148½	-1	...	3.9	16.3
[illegible]	307	[illegible]	406	...	6.6	2.6	14.5
450	347	[illegible]	362	-2	...	3.7	13.0
[illegible]	320	[illegible]	399	-6	12.2	3.5	[illegible]
[illegible]	58	[illegible]	69	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
430	257	[illegible]	430	...	...	1.9	19.1
550	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.3
[illegible]	314	Spirax-Sarco	373	...	...	2.1	21.7
145	44	Spring Ram	64	-½	...	0.7	17.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	257	...	...	4.1	14.5
154	[illegible]	Sterling Ind	146	...	...	4.2	25.1
[illegible]	95	[illegible]	177	...	6.6	5.3	16.2
[illegible]	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	324	-2	...	2.7	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sycamore♦	3½	...	...	...	...
75	53	[illegible]	63	...	...	7.6	[illegible]
282	240	[illegible]	282	...	...	4.2	18.8
374	279	TI	340	-8	...	3.0	23.2
[illegible]	12	T&S Range♦	27	-1	...	1.2	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	TT Group	264	...	...	2.9	17.5
249	[illegible]	[illegible]	246 †	...	1.6	0.4	20.4
[illegible]	516	Takeda Chem	779	-6	...	0.6	2.2
95	24	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
96	70	Tinsley (E)♦	94	-1	...	7.2	14.5
240	152	[illegible]♦	265	...	...	1.9	30.9
[illegible]	212½	Tomkins	228	+2	...	2.5	16.5
[illegible]	67	Trafalgar H	97	-3	...	4.2	7.1
[illegible]	348	[illegible] Tech	495	-2	16.0	4	12.4
[illegible]	155	Triplex Lloyd	172	-1	...	5.1	20.7
[illegible]	274	UniChem	240	-1	5.6	2.9	15.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	365	...	...	5.4	11.9
79	17	[illegible]	34	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	866	Unilever	1048	-7	21.3	2.5	14.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Unilever NV	[illegible]	...	...	2.9	11.9
[illegible]	512	VSEL	675	-2	...	[illegible]	9.4
9	6½	Vernon	8½	...	...	...	...
104	95	Vickers	146 †	-1	...	1.3	...
397	263	[illegible]	292 †	-7	...	3.3	14.5
444	[illegible]	Vinten	442	...	...	2.0	21.5
[illegible]	427	Vosper Thorny	678	...	...	2.9	16.4
46	4	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
[illegible]	368	[illegible] Ind	431	...	...	5.0	19.0
95	[illegible]	Walker Greenbk	95	...	3.1	4.1	24.2
[illegible]	231	[illegible]	244	...	2.5	1.5	24.6
42	22	[illegible]	34½	-½	...	...	...
344	[illegible]	Weir	300 †	-5	...	2.5	16.9
[illegible]	670	Wellcome	716	-5	15.6	2.3	19.9
[illegible]	15	Wellman	19½	...	0.9	5.8	31.8
343	252	Wes Hlthcare	329	+3	...	1.4	∞
512	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
[illegible]	252	Whessoe	274	...	...	3.6	10.6
15	7	Whitecroft	[illegible]	-½	...	...	...
9	4½	Widney	[illegible]	-½	...	...	...
132	46	Williams James	126	...	3.5	...	36.4
365	295½	Williams Hldgs	324	-4	12.5	4.9	16.7
35	27	Wishaw	35½	...	...	1.9	21.1
[illegible]	337	Wolseley	535	-5	12.5	2.5	22.0
[illegible]	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	[illegible]	1.5	45.5
40	25	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
57	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1556½	-18½	...	4.3	...
2606½	1757½	Am Gen	2269½	+12½	...	3.2	...
51	30	Archer (AJ)	51	...	4.4	...	24.8
183	133	Berry Bch Nble	166	...	...	4.0	12.9
146	118	Bradstock	137	-2	5.1	4.7	16.9
495	359½	Britannic	472 †	-10	...	3.0	...
667	556	Com Union	608	-5	...	5.0	...
1700	1225	Dom & Gen	1625	-75	...	1.7	∞
39	18	FAI	33	...	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	671	-7	26.7	5.1	...
225	160	GRE	215	-4	7.0	4.1	17.6
412	293	Heath C E	398	+2	...	5.0	...
228	166	Hogg Gp	216	...	8.1	4.7	19.8
216	164	JIB Group	160	-1	7.5	5.3	18.0
513	408½	Legal & Gen	486	-4	...	4.9	29.6
1092	745	Liberty Life	677 †	-1	...	3.3	15.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	+3	17.3	5.0	15.6
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	308	-1	5.6	3.3	22.7
368	274	Londn & Man	355	-3	14.2	5.0	26.1
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	417	-2	13.5	4.0	15.0
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5862½	+12½	...	3.1	...
115	76	Oriel	104	-10	...	6.0	...
72	50	PWS	66	-1	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	331	-8	...	4.6	21.7
1138	900	Refuge	1015	-5	31.5	3.9	28.1
347	248	Royal	307 †	-2	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	184 †	-2	...	4.1	22.7
261	158	Steel Burrill	161	...	...	...	9.3
99	48	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	8.2	...	8.7
399	307	Sun Alliance	366	-10	14.2	4.9	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	329	...	12.0	4.6	30.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	635	...	14.5	2.9	27.4
242	171	Willis Corroon	228 †	-2	...	3.6	49.0
30	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7



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1820	1548	Alliance	1730 †	-21	45.0	3.3	37.9
264	226½	Amer Trust	253 †	...	4.0	2.4	52.5
404	304	Ang & O'seas	386	-6	6.8	2.2	49.0
146½	134	BZW Conv	143½	-½	7.8	7.0	∞
186	133½	Bankers	178	-3	3.4	2.4	48.9
317	264	Baring Tribne	310	...	6.4	2.6	49.0
189	131	Berry Starq	189	...	2.2	1.5	61.4
110	96½	Br Assets	100¼	-1½	...	5.3	24.7
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	79½	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	27½	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	187	...	4.5	3.0	42.1
191	130	Contl Assel	189	...	2.1	1.6	62.9
195	143	Derby Inc	150	-1	...	11.9	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	259	-10	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	77	-1	8.4	13.6	8.6
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	84	...	1.2	1.8	...
135	64	-do- Far East	120	-½	0.6	0.7	...
122	95	-do- Korea	110	-4	0.5	0.6	...
665	570	Dunedin Inc G	643 †	-6	25.4	4.9	29.6
100	64	-do- Japan	97½	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	51	-1	...	...	...
690	513	-do- Wrde	656	-4	9.5	1.6	65.5
292	222	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	26.3
304	250½	Edinburgh	294	-5	6.4	2.6	32.2
296	167	Electra Inv	280	-4	6.7	3.0	38.2
190	141	Electric Gen	179½	-3½	3.1	2.2	55.9
113	85	English Scot	110	-2	...	...	...
300	205	European Asset	294	-1	...	3.4	38.2
125	77	Finsbury 'A'	125	...	3.0	3.0	40.2
291	246	Fleming Amer	282	-4	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	204	-2	...	3.3	40.0
318	252	Do Contl	309	-2	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	195	-2	...	3.0	39.4
334	213	-do- F Est	308	-1	1.1	0.4	...
326	246	-do- Fledg	324	-1	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	97	-1	...	5.7	16.6
260	136	-do- Japan	232	-1	0.3	0.2	...
289	250	-do- Merc	277 †	-3½	6.7	3.0	59.3
292	212	-do- Overs	279	-3	4.2	1.9	∞
258	203	Foreign & Col	241	-3½	...	1.8	65.6
224	164	-do- Eurotn	211	-2	1.2	0.7	...
125	87	-do- German	122	-1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	289	-1	1.0	0.8	...
163	116	-do- Smaller	162	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	235	-1	...	0.6	...
150	97	Genl Cons Cap	139	-5	...	...	...
127½	96	-do- Inc	109	-2	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	139	...	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	303	-1	0.9	0.4	...
282	207	-do- Strateg	276	-4	...	3.1	38.1
400	346	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
59½	47	Independent Inv	55	...	0.6	1.4	∞
145	129	Inv Cap	137½	-2	5.1	4.6	27.6
97	77	IRS US Smllr	95	...	2.8	3.7	26.5
339	156½	Kleinwort Cht	197	-3½	5.0	3.2	38.3
239	176	-do- O'seas	235	-1	3.3	1.5	64.2
130	108	-do- Smlr	130	...	4.6	...	31.2
680	540	Law Debenture	659	-2	18.2	3.5	32.9
197	154	Majedie	197	...	...	3.0	39.1
272	221	Merchants	266	-2	...	5.2	24.5
6525	5700	Merrill Lynch	[illegible]	-2	...	...	...
491	[illegible]	Mcnts Inv Tst	483	-5	...	1.7	61.2
431	166	Morg Gren Inc	422	-2	...	4.5	25.2
46	33	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
50	39	Murray Euro	52	...	0.1	0.4	...
21	4	Do Wts	15	...	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	334 †	-5	10.3	4.1	∞
340	245	-do- Intl	326	-3	11.6	4.5	[illegible]
362	[illegible]	-do- Small	356	-3	...	1.4	...
102	93	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	14.2	9.1
131	[illegible]	-do- S/C Cap	124	-4	...	...	...
2960	2450	-do- S/C Ltd	[illegible]	...	...	4.1	...
154	142½	-do- S/C PP	153½	-½	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	298	-2	...	4.3	25.5
94	56	New Frontier	89	...	0.2	0.4	...
98	68	Nthrn Inc	89	...	6.7	9.6	16.5
336	244	Overseas Inv Tst	322	-3	2.5	[illegible]	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Assets	[illegible]	-1	1.1	0.4	...
214	187	Do Warrants	205	...	...	...	...
2810	[illegible]	Personal Assets	[illegible]	...	...	2.4	49.2
156	106	RIT Cap Ptnr	144	-1	1.1	1.0	...
126	108	River & Merc	120	...	9.2	9.6	12.0
419	350	Robeco	413	...	...	5.0	...
455	345	Rolinco	[illegible]	...	...	1.9	...
271	214	St Andrew Inv	254	...	7.5	3.6	36.8
156½	131	Scot American	152	-1½	...	3.9	32.1
225	136	Scot Asian	216	...	...	...	...
505	425	do Warrants	503	...	...	...	...
82½	66½	-do- Eastern	77 †	-1½	1.5	2.5	50.6
222	153	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5	4.1	2.7	44.0
222	176	-do- Mtge	217	-1	...	2.4	[illegible]
96	71	-do- Value	96	...	...	3.3	69.4
1592	1346	Second Alliance	1544	-6	36.0	3.2	∞
91	74½	Secr Tst of Scot	84½	...	3.2	4.6	27.9
157	109½	Selective Asset	154	-1	3.5	[illegible]	55.4
35	14	Sphere Inv	33	...	...	12.0	10.4
164	142	TR Far East	152	-1	4.5	3.7	33.4
154	[illegible]	TR City Of Lon	147	-1½	5.5	4.1	∞
166	[illegible]	TR Pacific	154	...	...	[illegible]	...
32	17	TR Property	30	...	0.9	3.7	32.0
[illegible]	47	TR Tech Inv	97	...	1.7	3.3	36.0
246	146	TR Smlr Cos	162	-1	...	2.7	42.1
348	283	Temple Bar	[illegible]	-3	15.2	5.1	24.6
97	[illegible]	Thrgm Asian E	95	...	0.5	0.7	...
79	54	Throgmorton	78½	-½	2.2	3.8	30.8
550	363	Thrgmtn Dual Cp	515	-10	...	...	...
251	176	USDC Invest	227	...	4.5	2.5	41.5
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	108½	-½	3.6	4.1	27.3
716	540	[illegible]	712	-2	[illegible]	2.3	42.0
216	161	[illegible]	210	-2	5.5	3.3	36.6

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	280	Airtours	403	...	7.2	2.2	14.3
64	42	Alld Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
357	294	Anglia TV	349	-2	...	3.3	16.2
193	62	[illegible]	185	...	7.0	4.4	11.5
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	222	...	10.0	5.5	14.3
1345	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	[illegible]
153	90	Border TV♦	141 †	...	...	2.9	∞
16½	4½	Prem Walker	6	...	...	...	...
56	45	[illegible]	53	...	...	...	...
3	2½	Buckingham Intl	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
292	[illegible]	Campari	143	...	...	6.5	...
255	171	Capital Radio	215	-2	5.2	3.1	24.8
615	[illegible]	Carlton Comm	726	-7	...	2.6	21.5
230	156	Castle Comm♦	[illegible]	...	...	5.7	17.2
2090	1615	Central TV	2050	...	28.0	2.3	22.3
126	61	Chrysalis	106	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	578	-4	...	2.8	[illegible]
350	175	Eurocamp	314	...	9.7	5.7	8.5
1160	610	Euro Disney	678	-10	...	1.7	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
35½	16	Ex-Lands	34½	-4	...	...	...
390	345	Fairline Boats	285	...	10.5	4.6	...
376	263	First Leisure	264 †	...	6.1	2.7	19.7
530	298	GWR Gp♦	528	...	...	1.7	27.1
243	149	Grampian	243	...	6.1	3.1	16.8
20	4½	Greenwich Comm♦	16	...	...	...	...
72	19	HTV Group	66	-1	...	...	29.3
76	53	HI-Tec Sports	49	-2	...	5.1	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11	...	...	...	...
478	405	LWT Hldgs	476	...	...	1.3	22.0
519	322	Man Utd	513	-2	18.0	4.4	17.6
148	99	Owners Abrd	88	-1	3.5	5.1	6.9
74	33	The Pelican Gp	71	-3	...	1.9	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure♦	136	...	...	3.0	12.6
31	16	Quadrant Grp	30	-1	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde♦	325	-1	...	3.3	25.5
208	132	Ransdens (H)	203	-1	...	2.8	26.9
553	431	Scot TV	504	...	9.9	2.5	24.8
65	37	Southern Radio	60	-1	0.7	1.7	25.0
260	169	Stanley Leisure	234	-1	4.3	2.3	18.5
10	5½	Sunleigh♦	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	123	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
439	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	∞
2½	1	Ticketing♦	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World♦	57	...	...	1.8	20.7
496	274	Ulster TV	496	...	10.0	2.6	15.0
101	62	Vardon	95	...	0.7	1.0	22.4
22	11	Wembley	18	-½	0.2	1.4	...
48	7½	Whitegate	38	...	...	...	...
227	110	Yorkshire TV	224	-1	12.0	6.7	6.8
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	3900	+212½	...	5.2	19.2
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1293½	-6½	...	6.8	6.9
2300	1125	Ang Am	1775	+62½	...	3.8	15.4
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res♦	27½	...	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	96	+2	...	6.4	5.3
46	18	Bracken	31	+3	...	...	1.8
871	233	Buffels	475	+18	...	13.3	∞
2½	1	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	628	-6	...	3.1	21.5
43½	11	Cluff Res	26	+1	...	...	79.0
1312½	762½	De Beers	1087½	-9½	...	4.4	14.8
165	37½	Deelkraal	84	+6	...	2.3	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	32	+3	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	636	+41	...	4.6	∞
709	120	Durban	370	+18	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	108	+16	...	10.4	3.1
770	54	E Rand Prop	169	+7	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	298	+15	...	3.9	7.3
899	292	FS Cons	626	+45	...	7.7	7.8
80	8	FS Dev	37	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1062	+56	...	3.6	...
180	125	Gencor	135	+1	...	6.9	11.1
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	41½	+1	...	3.1	10.8
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	13½	-½	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	93	+12	...	10.7	5.7
360	78	Harmony	216	+22	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	257	+8	...	7.3	10.1
16	8½	Inoco♦	16	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	628	+13	...	4.3	21.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res♦	8½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	692	+20	...	7.0	7.9
913	319	Kloof	563	+41	...	3.8	∞
137	25	Leslie	78	+8	...	5.1	8.1
219	13	Loraine	122	+5	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	780	...	...	3.6	∞
176½	80½	MIM	81	...	...	2.7	39.2
1365	820	Minorco	1066	-12	...	3.7	11.9
141	91	Nth Brkn Hill	121½	+1	...	3.8	20.0
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1462½	+75	...	8.0	11.7
746	607	RTZ	676	-20	...	3.9	18.7
637½	425	Rand Mines	537½	...	...	10.4	2.6
671	150	Randfontein	443	+30	...	6.4	∞
192	115	Renison	142	...	...	3.0	14.7
1200	850	Rustnbrg	887½	+25	...	3.6	∞
595	191	St Helena	398	+25	...	5.9	8.4
2168	475	Southvaal	1295	+41	...	4.2	23.5
109	18	Stilfontein	71	+6	...	8.6	12.8
201	58	Unisel	102	+9	...	2.9	10.3
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4000	+250	...	5.2	7.2
582	154	Welkom	386	+34	...	4.3	11.9
351	26	Western Areas	232	-1	...	2.9	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	1612½	+71½	...	3.7	7.8
283	176	Wstrn Mining	206	-3	...	2.1	∞
1029	323	Winkels	710	+30	...	1.4	6.1
84	56	Zambia Copper	72	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	35	...	...	8.4	11.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
135	95	Airflow Stream	135	...	...	...	...
160	82	Appleyard	152	-1	5.2	4.3	...
335	303	Bletchley Mtr	325	-1	...	3.4	16.4
160	120	Bostrom	160	...	6.0	4.8	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	394	-25	7.0	2.2	...
52	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.5
388	303	Caffyns	378	-10	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr♦	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
29	18	Cook (DC)♦	26	...	...	2.9	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	252	...	6.2	3.1	19.2
140	86	Dag Minors	138	...	5.7	5.2	24.9
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	155	...	...	3.3	19.6
300	155	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	140	-1	...	3.1	19.7
402	208	Evans Halshaw	399 †	-3	11.8	3.5	61.5
290	226	FR Group	264	-2	...	3.4	12.3
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3487½	-62½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	2962½	-112½	...	1.7	...
75	38	Gowrings	61	-1	2.0	4.2	...
247	85	Henlys	241 †	...	3.0	1.6	...
982	650	Honda Motor	917	...	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	100	...	4.5	5.6	...
169	97	Kwik-Fit	166	-1	...	2.5	30.0
420	281	Lex Service	413	-2	...	3.2	22.6
164	85	Lookers	162	-1	6.2	4.8	...
164	126	Lucas	155	...	7.0	5.6	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	273	-2	...	3.0	22.2
198	106	Perry Gp	196	...	7.0	4.9	...
190	108	Quicks Group	189 †	...	...	3.0	34.1
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	144	-1½	...	4.3	...
223	164	T & N	199	-1½	...	7.2	26.8
215	163	Trinity Hldgs	214	...	...	3.2	∞
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	173	-2	...	3.0	24.2
253	121	Westland	240	-3	4.2	2.2	21.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	193	...	5.0	3.5	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
308	300	Blenheim Gp	308	-5	...	3.7	11.3
370	275	Bristol	345	...	...	4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9900	-125	13.0	1.7	22.1
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9750	-175	13.0	1.7	22.0
305	251	Dorling Kind	296	...	...	1.3	28.3
373	322	EMAP	354	-1	...	2.8	21.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1088	...	29.5	3.4	34.5
264	170	Harrington K	233	-1	4.5	2.4	18.9
468	233	Haynes Pub	465	...	8.0	2.2	∞
363	343	Hodder H'line	362	...	5.0	1.6	30.8
140	99	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	...	...
147	30	Intl Bus Comm	144	...	...	...	20.9
14	6½	Int Cm & Data♦	11½	-1	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	392 †	...	...	3.0	19.2
580	395	Johnston Press	577	-1	6.2	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletn	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
186	88	Mirror Gp	186	+8	...	...	...
447	297	News Corp	420	-19	...	0.3	∞
274	169	News Intl	267	-7	1.3	0.6	∞
535	354	Pearson	526	-8	...	2.9	28.3
675	510	Portsmth Sund	626	...	...	1.9	17.3
756	618	Reed Int	697 †	-3	...	3.0	30.4
150	98	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
171	90	Sterling Pub	170 †	...	...	2.2	18.7
423	326	Telegraph	391 †	...	...	3.5	16.4
825	715	Thomson Corp	725	...	...	2.1	36.2
390	313	Trinity Intl	390	+2	8.7	2.8	23.2
39	27	Unit Group♦	34	+2	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspprs	553	-5	...	4.9	16.4

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcon Intl♦	40	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	-½	...	...	...
83	76	Aviva Pet	63	-1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	201	...	7.1	4.5	6.0
339½	276	British Gas	333	-5½	14.2	5.6	15.3
326	225	Br Petroleum	300	-4	8.4	3.5	[illegible]
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	782 †	-9	...	4.1	17.8
65	32	Cairn Energy	62	-1	...	...	8.9
287	223	Calor Gp	268	-9	...	5.7	21.8
60½	33½	Clyde Pet	52½	...	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	35½	-½	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	18	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	456	-3	16.0	4.5	24.6
88	32	Exp Co Louis	34	-1	...	...	...
34½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	24	-1	...	2.5	8.5
67	45	Goal Pet	59	-1	1.4	3.0	11.3
44	18	Gt Western Res	44	...	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	165	...	...	0.8	15.3
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	133½	-5½	3.3	...	26.8
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
34	10	Mid Scot Res♦	30½	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	51½	-½	...	...	...
6½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	32	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
36	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
17	11½	[illegible]	15½	-1	...	...	...
144	99	Pet Pet	139	...	...	...	19.3
20½	16	Premier	21	...	...	...	7.8
115	51	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	...
313	290	Ranger	318	-5	...	5.0	...
6712½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6425	-47½	...	4.7	16.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4137½	+62½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
682	515	Shell	646	-21	21.9	4.3	19.6
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	173	...	...	...	...
47	21	Triton Europe	24	...	...	...	...
12½	6	[illegible] Grp	13	...	...	...	...
172	135	Woodside	135	-1	...	2.5	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
331	243	API	325	...	7.5	2.4	28.3
216	144	Arjo Wiggins	223	-3	...	3.9	34.0
545	408	Abbott Mead	539	...	9.3	2.2	27.6
40	33	Aegis Gp	36	...	...	...	...
212	176	Aspen Comms♦	174	...	...	4.6	12.0
13	7	BBB Design♦	13	...	...	...	...
467	234½	Bemrose	405	...	...	3.6	16.0
32	12	Birkdale	15½	...	0.2	1.6	13.1
146	118	Bunzl	143	...	4.0	3.5	21.3
309	257	CIA Gp	300	+3	...	1.8	19.5
230	92	Capital Inds	228	-1	...	1.5	21.6
79	44	Cty of Lon	78	...	...	6.2	14.4
244	169	Cropper (Jmes)	343	...	3.1	1.6	23.5
6	6	[illegible]	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	93	...	1.6	2.3	12.0
112	64	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	84	...	...	4.6	[illegible]
15½	11½	Elswick	15	...	...	3.2	15.1
73	41	Fairway Group♦	70	...	3.1	5.6	20.6
340	271	Ferguson Intl	340	...	...	4.6	15.4
166	52	Ferry Pick	105 †	...	...	6.7	28.3
152	[illegible]	Filofax♦	150	-½	...	1.0	19.3
[illegible]	14	Fitch	15	...	...	...	...
122	64	Gibbon Lyons♦	121	...	...	5.2	12.7
295	247	Gold Greenless	260	...	8.3	3.6	∞
[illegible]	20	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
86	35	Hunterprint	44	-3	...	...	...
165	136	Intereurope	165	...	7.4	5.7	16.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	257	...	...	2.3	24.6
52	[illegible]	Lopex	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
309	175	More O'Ferrall	307	...	1.2	5.4	36.7
133	48	SMC Group	110	-2	3.0	3.3	16.8
172	66	Osborne & Little	170	...	...	3.4	18.7
525	455	Portals	490	-1	...	3.7	16.8
2	½	Premier Hlth	...	...	...	...	...
261	159	Quarto	274 †	-3	...	2.4	17.2
347	287	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	[illegible]
185½	142½	Saatchi	162	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	339	+6	...	11.2	6.3
32	11½	[illegible]	30½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Standwick	22	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	360	-3	...	3.5	15.9
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	259	...	...	3.0	14.2
68	45	Somic	57	...	1.5	2.1	25.3
246	163	[illegible]	234	...	6.0	4.3	21.5
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.0
68	38	VTB♦	68	...	...	6.2	15.4
106	46	WPP	103	-1	...	1.2	3.9
176	62	Wace	175 †	-1	...	...	...
265	200	Waddington (J)	265	...	...	3.7	...
750	540	Wamough	745	...	11.5	1.5	29.3
7	4½	Westport♦	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcke	24	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	77	-1	...	2.0	16.5

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
104	41	Allied Lon	104	...	3.5	4.2	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
104	52	Asda	104	...	...	2.5	10.9
149	88	Avonside	149	+2	4.0	3.4	20.6
2637½	2062½	BCE♦	2162½	+50	...	...	...
652	396	Bilton	648	-2	18.9	3.6	23.4
110	23	Bourne End	98	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	215	-3	5.4	3.1	21.8
23	5	Bredero	16½	+1	...	...	...
405	160½	Br Land	387	-8	...	2.3	35.3
240	140½	Brixton	233	+7	...	4.5	16.5
79	42	Burford	77 †	...	...	1.9	...
175	99	Cap & Regnl♦	175	...	...	0.8	...
215	120	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
490	196	Chesterfield	490	...	11.0	2.8	35.1
43	12	City Site Ests	41	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	20	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Ritbl GS	48	...	...	...	...
1270	818	Daejan	1270	+1	...	2.7	15.7
4½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
100	53	Debenham Twsn	100	...	...	3.8	19.5
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
153	76	Dencora	153	...	3.0	2.5	...
563	263	Derwent Hldgs	556	-2	8.6	1.9	69.5
45	10	Development Sec	43	-1	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	19	...	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	206	...	...	2.8	18.2
33½	11	Five Oaks	33	-½	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
474	276½	Frogmore	471	-2	...	4.0	27.4
200	97	Grainger	193	+1	5.2	3.4	43.1
222	116½	Gt Portland	213	-5	...	4.7	20.4
27½	7½	Greycoat	23½	+1	...	...	...
151	101	HK Land	146	...	...	4.5	19.9
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	78 †	...	0.5	0.8	...
403	257½	Hammerson	397	-2	10.0	3.1	60.2
363	245	-do- 'A'	359	-5	10.0	3.5	36.3
253	127	Helical Bar	251	...	...	2.4	9.0
35	19	Hemingway	32½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	68	...	3.7	6.9	17.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	667	-4	22.8	4.3	20.1
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	104	-1	4.0	4.8	16.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
504	315½	MEPC	493	-1	...	5.1	21.2
9	5	McInerney A	8	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	134	...	3.5	3.3	18.4
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	41	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
41	29	Moorfield Est	41	...	...	...	...
1290	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	167	-1	5.9	4.4	23.5
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
153	88	PSIT	153	...	4.1	3.4	30.3
300	138	Peel	300	+1	4.0	1.7	...
16	7	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
48	22	Property Trust	37	...	...	...	∞
75	42	Raglan	53	-5	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
47	16	St Modwen Prp	44	...	0.6	1.7	33.5
70	39	Savills	59	-1	...	2.1	23.4
98	34	Scot Met	98	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	98	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
245	139½	Slough Estates	238 †	-3	...	4.3	16.6
82	56	Southend Prp	79	...	...	3.8	...
33	16	Stanhope Prps♦	32	-1	...	...	...
190	114	Town Ests	190	...	2.1	1.4	67.7
125	79	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.7	23.3
83	43	Trafford Park	80	...	2.5	4.0	21.6
56	17	UK Land	40	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	252	...	10.5	5.2	23.0
218	166	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
92	35	Wates	88	...	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John Dn	72	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic♦	15	-1	...	...	...
178	84	Headlam	173	-2	...	1.9	36.9
500	315	Lambert	325	+10	13.0	5.1	7.8
100	51	Pittards	63	...	2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26½	-½	1.0	4.7	7.4
187	89	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
66	53	UK Safety	64	-2	...	23.8	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	488	+4	12.6	3.2	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	15.8
170	141	Br Mohair	165	...	8.5	6.4	15.5
53	15	Charnwell♦	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	340	...	7.2	2.7	21.0
601	522	Courtauld Text	545 †	-3	13.6	3.1	14.9
53½	24½	Cupid♦	32	-1	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	208	-2	...	5.4	15.6
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel♦	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	20	-1	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	123	...	4.2	4.4	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	223	...	...	2.2	17.3
72	45	Jerome (S)	72	+4	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	361	...	12.0	4.2	23.9
507	353½	Leeds	506	...	...	1.8	24.4
63½	15	Lister	61	+1	0.1	0.2	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	83	...	4.9	7.4	9.4
189	89	Magellan	165	...	1.4	0.9	...
171	69	Parkland 'A'	170	-1	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	101	...	...	4.3	19.0
58	35	SEET	50	-3	...	...	...
116	72	Sirdar	116	...	5.1	5.5	20.6
72	44	Stirling Gp	70	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	49	...	...	3.8	45.6
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	2.5	8.7	∞
208½	126	Yorklyde	181	...	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	458	-8½	...	5.1	13.7
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	646	-15½	11.5	2.2	12.8

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	436	-1	...	2.4	...
839	717	BAA	813	-7	...	2.5	20.2
367	249	Br Airways	355	-10	...	3.7	19.5
106	56	Clarkson (H)	93	+3	1.5	2.0	...
25	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	480	-17	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	82	...	1.0	1.5	22.0
211	147	IoM Steam	208 †	...	...	4.8	10.9
34	26	Jacobs (JI)	32 †	...	0.5	2.0	...
96	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	89	-2	...	1.4	17.4
2375	1282½	Mancestr Sh	2037½	-37½	4.5	0.2	16.0
384	280	Mersey Docks	378	...	7.5	2.5	24.0
271	181	Natl Express	256	-12	...	3.5	18.2
284	230	NFC	267	-2	6.5	3.1	20.2
339	244	Ocean Group	336	...	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	67	-2	4.0	7.5	12.1
676	504	P & O Dfd	590	-8	...	6.7	30.7
159	127	P & O 5½%	159	+1	...	4.3	...
593	448	Powell Duffryn	548	...	...	5.2	21.2
173	117	Seacon♦	173 †	...	...	3.7	10.9
148	112	Stagecoach	147	...	...	3.2	∞
60½	31½	TNT	52	-½	...	...	...
773	634	Tibbet & Britn	743	...	11.8	2.0	28.5
382	173	Tiphook	249	-7	...	9.7	...
298	227	TDG	259	-1	...	4.6	8.5

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	538	-7	...	4.9	10.9
661	547	Northumbrian	653	-7	...	4.3	6.7
537½	431½	North West	528	-7	...	5.1	9.4
564	439	Severn Trent	553	-9	...	4.8	8.5
583	454	Sthrn Water	560	-10	...	4.7	9.5
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1600	...	47.0	3.7	11.4
586	465	South West	580	...	...	5.1	9.5
567	454	Thames Water	551	-6	...	4.8	10.8
639	506	Welsh Water	623	-10	...	4.7	6.3
651	536	Wessex Water	650	+2	...	4.1	9.8
593	473½	Yorkshire W	558	-8	...	4.8	9.5

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106½	101½	Treas 13½% 1993	101½	-⅛	13.56	5.24
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	-⅛	8.41	5.61
109½	104	Treas 14½% 1994	104	-⅛	13.94	5.65
109	104	Exch 13½% 1994	104	...	12.90	5.65
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	-⅛	9.70	5.67
110	106	Exch 12½% 1994	106	-⅛	11.77	5.65
105	102	Treas 9% 1994	103	+⅛	8.68	5.68
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	+⅛	11.11	5.77
97½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97½	+⅛	3.09	4.81
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-⅛	9.52	5.85
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-⅛	11.22	5.94
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-⅛	11.94	6.00
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-⅛	12.51	6.12
120	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-⅛	11.30	6.12
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	-⅛	9.05	6.29
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-⅛	11.00	6.38
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	-⅛	9.33	6.40
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	-⅛	8.09	6.40
130	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	-⅛	11.56	6.63
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	-⅛	8.71	6.56
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103 †	-⅛	7.03	6.46
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-⅛	6.70	6.30
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	-⅛	10.95	6.04

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	136	-⅛	11.33	6.79
121	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	-⅛	9.84	6.90
113	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	-⅛	8.47	6.75
125	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	124 †	-⅛	9.87	6.97
118	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117	-⅛	8.97	6.84
118	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	-⅛	8.77	6.88
113	108	Conv 9% 2000	111	-1⅛	8.09	6.85
133	129	Treas 13% 2000	131	-1⅛	9.91	7.16
118	109	Treas 10% 2001	116	-1⅛	8.57	7.07
119	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	117	-1⅛	8.33	7.16
108	97	Treas 8% 2003	106	-1⅛	7.50	7.06
122	109	Treas 10% 2003	119	-1⅛	8.36	7.25
125	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123 †	-1⅛	9.28	7.33
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78	-⅛	4.45	6.26
119	105	Conv 9½% 2004	116	-1⅛	8.15	7.32
119	105	Conv 9½% 2005	116 †	-1⅛	8.13	7.34
137	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134	-1⅛	9.28	7.57
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	104 †	-1⅛	7.67	7.33
130	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	-1⅛	9.17	7.32
112	99	Treas 8½% 2007	109	-1⅛	7.74	7.36
145	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142	-1⅛	9.47	7.58

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117	101	Treas 9% 2008	114	-1⅛	7.84	7.37
108	92	Treas 8% 2009	105	-1⅛	7.55	7.39
118	100	Conv 9% 2011	115	-1⅛	7.77	7.40
118	100	Treas 9% 2012	116	-1⅛	7.74	7.40
86	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84	-1⅛	6.50	6.99
106	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	-1⅛	7.41	7.35
108	93	Treas 8% 2013	106 †	-1⅛	7.52	7.41
148	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	145	-2⅛	8.24	7.57
117	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	115	-1⅛	7.60	7.40

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48	38	War Ln 3½%	47	-⅛	7.36	...
34	27	Treas 2½%	33 †	-⅛	7.43	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	135	...	...	0.19
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	199	-⅛	1.63	2.43
110	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	-⅛	1.98	2.57
169	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168 †	-⅛	2.90	3.03
166	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165	-⅛	2.83	3.12
113	105	Treas IL 4¾% 2004	112 †	-⅛	2.90	3.17
176	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	174	-1	2.88	3.10
160	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159	-1⅛	3.01	3.20
167	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	166	-1⅛	3.04	3.21
139	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137	-1⅛	3.07	3.22
149	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148	-1⅛	3.08	3.22
145	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143 †	-1⅛	3.12	3.25
122	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120	-1⅛	3.13	3.23
122	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120	-1⅛	3.13	3.25

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ACCOUNTANCY

Ernst challenge strikes at heart of ASB's principles

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

AFTER three years of general support but rising controversy over details, the Accounting Standards Board has at last been challenged over the very basis of its reforms. The attempt by David Tweedie, board chairman, to go back to basics to rebuild a consistent and less malleable set of rules is seen instead as a retreat to a flawed past in which profit and loss accounts were subservient to balance sheets.

The attack came at the weekend from Ernst & Young, Britain's third-largest accounting firm. It is led by Ron Paterson, a technical partner who is also an insider in reform and standard-setting, a member of the ASB's urgent issues task force and UK member of the group in the International Accounting Standards Committee.

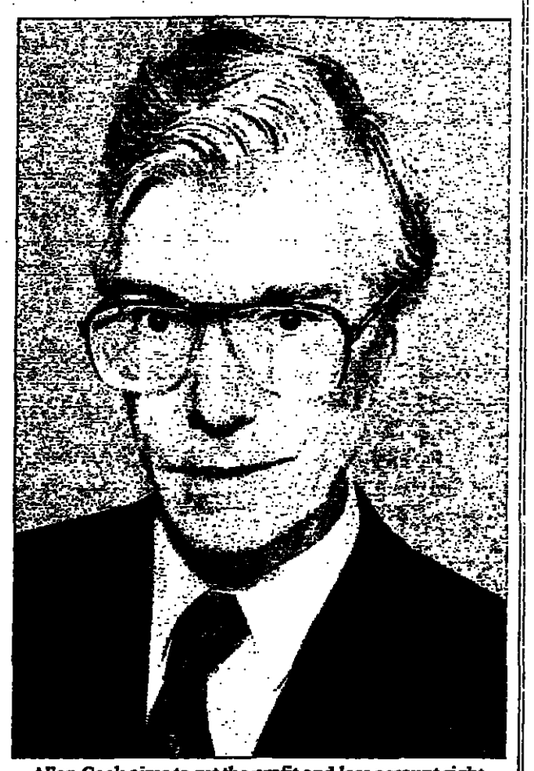
Ernst & Young argues, essentially, that modern accounting techniques are properly based on transactions with the balance sheet primarily a "residual statement which results from the allocation of transactions to different accounting periods".

Emphasis on balance sheet valuation undermines this to no purpose. "The balance sheet does not and cannot properly reflect the worth of a company. We believe the value of a company lies in its ability to generate future cash for its stakeholders, not in the individual values of its present assets and liabilities."

Allan Cook, the board's technical director, accepts that the board has put the balance sheet back at the centre of accounting but disputes the implications. The principal aim, he argues, is to get the profit and loss account right, not to diminish its importance or pretend the balance sheet values a company. "They have tried to make a connection between things that are not necessarily related."



Ron Paterson is leading Ernst's attack on ASB reforms



Allan Cook aims to get the profit and loss account right

E&Y's target is the ASB's rolling statement of principles. Although guyed this week by Labour MP Austin Mitchell as "a reworking of the failed American conceptual framework project", the dry generalisations have received little notice amid the welter of proposals, rulings and standards that directly affect companies' reported results. Mr Paterson fears finance directors may wake up to the implications too late. UK accounting could then move further away from other countries, instead of converging.

He says: "We are concerned that the ASB's proposed framework will be adopted without adequate debate and this will make it very difficult to argue with the thrust of future accounting standards once they can be justified as being consistent with the framework. We would urge everyone with an interest in company accounts to get involved in the discussion."

Mr Cook disputes this: "The statement of principles does not necessarily mean all accounting has to go down this road, but makes us think." Hence, for instance, changes in pension costs might not be charged in a single year, as the principles would suggest.

There is, however, a basic difference of approach. E&Y is defending the general development of earnings-based accounting, if not some of its practices, over the past generation. The board is challenging what Mr Cook calls the smoothing approach, which, he claims, could start with the dividend and work back. This argument is encapsulated in FRS3, which denies the use of balance sheets as a cushion, making reported annual profits much more volatile.

E&Y reckons this has gone too far. Definitions in the principles exclude deferred costs and revenues from the balance sheet, contradicting concepts of prudence and matching that "should form the bedrock of a framework for financial reporting, instead of definitions of assets and liabilities". Mr Cook counters: "We have tried to narrow the circumstances of provisions. Is this imprudent?" A more prudent balance sheet can mean a less prudent P&L account.

E&Y will surely succeed in provoking debate. It is likely to centre on unpopular asset valuation proposals of which Mr Cook says: "We would rather be criticised for not being sufficiently purist."

HOTGAS with an energy network

Andrew Likierman's appointment to head the government accounting service is a remarkable one. For the first time, the man who will be known as HOTGAS is someone with an intimate knowledge of the corridors of Whitehall. It is also the first time that the post has ostensibly been filled via headhunters and advertisement. But it is also slightly unnerving. The more Machiavellian might wonder what motives the Treasury has for bringing in someone who has old friends and contacts in both the Treasury and Whitehall and was co-author of a succession of reports arguing that the government's accounting and reporting systems were appalling.

Things were somewhat different when Ken Sharp, the first HOTGAS, took up his post in 1975. Sharp was an immensely affable accountant from Cumberland who decided after his year as president of the English ICA that he preferred the wider stage. As he once said: "I was recruited at a dinner in the Garrick Club — but I have doubts as to whether that is necessarily the best way of looking for my successor." Sharp was billeted at the trade department with little more than a large office, a comfortable settee and a huge smile. It was uphill work. Both the Fulton report in 1968 and the Melville Burney report in 1975 had argued that creating a strong accountancy service within Whitehall was essential but that didn't mean civil servants agreed. It took most of Sharp's time in the job to create a specialist accountancy function. A campaign was mounted to abolish HOTGAS. It took almost two years of politicking before Anthony Wilson, a solid middle-ranking Price Waterhouse partner, succeeded Sharp in 1984.



AUDIT

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Meanwhile, Michael Heseltine had started the campaign for greater access to financial information. Politics, he said, "is essentially articulate, sometimes literate, but very rarely numerate". That is still the problem. Accountant MPs who take an effective interest in financial issues in the Commons can still be counted on the fingers of two hands.

There are other pressures against change. Significantly, Likierman himself identified these back in 1984 as adviser to the Treasury and Civil Service committee on HOTGAS. He co-authored an ACCA-funded report with Peter Vass, *The Structure and Form of Government Expenditure Reports*. It concluded: "It is the government which must implement changes, yet all but the most enlightened ministers and civil servants are unlikely to have much enthusiasm for doing so. Providing more information (or even providing the information more clearly) is likely to be regarded as providing more opportunities to be attacked. The British system of government places a high premium on avoiding embarrassment and one obvious way to avoid this is by disclosing information only when required to do so, and not being more helpful than is absolutely necessary to those wishing to find information."

The form of financial information produced in Whitehall has improved: in great part due to further work from Likierman, the interest of enlightened MPs like Tim Smith and the work of Sir Alan Hardcastle, the current HOTGAS. That is not to say it is anything like acceptable. We are, with luck, at a turning point. The first three HOTGAS's, Sharp, Wilson and Hardcastle, all knighted for their work, came from the dependable background of accounting firms. Likierman, former president of CIMA, the management accountants, and currently professor of accounting and financial control at London Business School, is more an accounting outsider, but an insider in Whitehall, having spent some years in the Think Tank, advised select committees, served on the councils of two Next Steps agencies and on the Audit Commission — and he is still only 49. Wilson's and Hardcastle's work in the Treasury has made HOTGAS's role both to keep central government up to scratch on wider accounting issues and to boost methods of financial control in Whitehall. Likierman is also a member of the Cadbury corporate governance committee and the Financial Reporting Council. Is there no end to the man's networking?

Here is the paradox. Likierman is the first HOTGAS to know what needs to be done and have enough favours to call in to get it done. He is a man of high energy. But he also understands the art of the possible. Do you use that philosophy to limit or expand what can be done? As he concluded in that 1984 report, nothing might happen because forces of resistance are stronger than those for change. "But an uninformed Parliament and electorate cannot be healthy in democracy. Clarity in government financial information is, ultimately, a question of will and of priorities."

Tax poses biggest legal problems

FORGET those billion-dollar lawsuits against big six audits. For the rest of the profession, tax is by far the biggest legal troublespot. Cameron Markby Hewitt, solicitor to the Bowrings Accountants Facility, which is claimed to cover half the indemnity market outside the big six, has collated figures that show most professional indemnity claims arise from tax work. In 1992, they were 52 per cent, including 18 per cent on VAT and capital gains tax.

Audit comes a distant second by number, covering a quarter of claims in 1992, slightly up on the three previous years and including 11 per cent for negligence. Claims by third parties relying on accounts are small at 2.4 per cent and seem to have edged down since the Caparo judgment. Claims arising from financial and investment advice climbed from 6 to 10 per cent of the total last year.

Jonathan Wright, indemnity specialist at Cameron Markby, argues that most claims are avoidable. He suggests that critical work is too often given to junior staff without sufficient supervision. The predominance of tax disputes and the sudden rise of claims on investment advice also suggest that smaller firms take on work in which they do not have sufficient expertise.

Compromise aims to solve the earnings conundrum

BY OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

WHETHER they like it or not, companies will soon need to include a new figure in their accounts if they are not to fall foul of big shareholders. This time it is not at the behest of the Accounting Standards Board but of users themselves.

In a much-quoted phrase, the FRS3 rules on profit and loss accounts state: "It is not possible to distil the performance of a complex organisation into a single measure." The Institute of Investment Management and Research agrees. Therefore, it says, "to attempt to define a single earnings figure for all purposes is bound to fail".

A single standard figure for earnings per share is needed, nonetheless, if only to calculate forward-looking price-earnings ratios on a consistent basis for statistical tables. The figure thrown up by FRS3 plainly would not do since, unless you have a company's accounts in front of you, it may not tell much about the future.

Surveys of published accounts, by *Company Reporting*, Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse, have shown that many top companies that had already moved to FRS3 took up the option to publish their own alternative earnings per share figures alongside. Most aim at a less volatile measure.

The IIMR's first Statement of Investment Practice, published in final form yesterday, as *The Definition of Headline Earnings*, will inevitably be the new statistical standard. This is a carefully judged compromise. It eliminates some sources of wilder fluctuations but consciously does not aim to produce a figure for "maintainable earnings", since the analysts and fund managers regard this as a matter for individual judgment.

The main differences from FRS3 earnings are that the headline figure excludes capital items such as profits or losses on sale or termination of a business or disposal of fixed assets and trade investments. Permanent write-downs of fixed assets and goodwill are also out.

Exceptional or abnormal trading items such as reorganisation and restructuring of continuing operations are, however, included in the headline figure, as are one-off pension items. Many of these used to be treated as extraordinary. In the interests of factual robustness, the headline figure does not, therefore, seek to return to those malleable earnings calculations FRS3 sought to banish.



Keegan: room for diversity

There will be strong pressure on companies to publish this headline figure in their accounts. Indeed, any who do not will probably be included in that band judged to loathe institutional shareholders and stock exchange firms.

Mary Keegan, technical partner at Price Waterhouse, points out, however, that the IIMR figure will be more volatile than old-style earnings. While many of those companies reporting an alternative eps figure have already used the IIMR's earlier draft definition, others, including ICI, Guinness and Cable and Wireless, have chosen something nearer their own idea of maintainable earnings.

According to Mary Keegan, they should not be browbeaten into conformity: "There is a lot to be said for companies producing their own, to tell their own story of what happened during the year. We shall encourage our clients to put forward their own points, either in the proposed operating and financial review or their own EPS figure."

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Institute is caught out

AFTER months of frenzied lobbying, the accountancy profession has scored a rare victory over its old adversary, HM Customs & Excise. In the light of the heated reaction to proposals on VAT recovery by holding companies, the red-tape brigade has capitulated and left matters much as they were. Accountants had feared a surge in costs for companies engaged in takeovers or acquisitions if VAT became due on legal and advisers' fees. Now, Customs has said that only minor changes will be made from October 1 to the treatment of VAT on costs incurred by holding companies. Critics of more sweeping changes said they clashed with proposals in the March Budget to encourage foreign companies to set up their headquarters in the UK. One body caught wrong-footed was the English Institute, which attacked the proposals in a paper ... published three days after the threat was removed.

Arty fact

STRANGE goings-on at the Tate Gallery yesterday where David Wilson, marketing partner of Ernst & Young, was wheeled in to announce the firm's sponsorship of a major exhibition of Picasso's work next year. Wilson, known for his eccentric taste in ties and art, let slip that "winegiass with slice of lemon" was one of his favourite paintings — a fact revealed while sipping a glass of plain water over breakfast. This is Ernst's first big arts sponsorship, and it plans to make the most of it by plastering snatches of Picasso all over its publicity material ... nuts and bolts, twisted limbs, and so on. The exhibition, *Picasso: Sculptor/Painter*, opens the Spanish Arts Festival in London in February.

Water house

In a noble gesture, Price Waterhouse's expatriate services practice in Southampton has allowed part of its offices to be turned into an International Press Centre for the start of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race on September 25. The ground floor, currently unoccupied, sits next to the marina where the boats will be moored. Good luck. The arrival of hundreds of sports journalists and TV crews may render the place uninhabitable.

Lighting the way

CHRIS Hughes, leading insolvency light at Coopers & Lybrand, is among speakers at a one-day course in London entitled "What do struggling companies need most?" The course, hosted by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency (SPI) next Tuesday (£250 plus VAT), will hear from Peter Souster of Baker Tilly, Simon Freakley of Buchler Phillips and Maurice Moses of Levy Gee, among others, on how to improve professional standards. No tired jokes, please, about an insolvency practitioner being the last thing a struggling company needs. Details from Jane Kirby on 071-600 8331.

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How the Vacancies Service works

Science offers fresh opportunities for candidates seeking a university place as the new academic year looms. There are plenty of places available in both traditional and new universities, as today's listing shows. About 20 new courses have been added to *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service.

Admissions officers believe many science places are likely to remain unfilled when clearing ends next week. However, demand remains highest among the traditional universities. Edinburgh, York and Liverpool have removed most of their courses. Life sciences, such as biology, genetics and zoology, have proved particularly popular.

The former polytechnics are working hard to sell their science courses, but are struggling to generate a last-minute flood of applications. There has been little movement since *The Times* last published science vacancies on Monday. But Nottingham Trent, Bournemouth and Sheffield Hallam have all removed several courses.

The University of Central Lancashire said the growing popularity of Higher National Diploma courses might explain the difficulties facing new universities as they tried to fill science courses. It admissions officers have noted that many candidates were snapping up HND places where previously they might have been expected to hold out for a degree place through clearing.

Overall, the traditional universities look like taking up to 10,000 more students than they did last year, despite the government's attempt to halt expansion in the arts and social sciences. But other institutions have accepted the need to consolidate. Surprisingly, the Polytechnics Central Admissions System now expects its overall number of students placed to drop this autumn.

All the courses listed on this page still had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one point. Where a university gives no points requirement, it is often willing to consider candidates from outside the conventional academic route, possibly with work experience.

● *The Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

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AGRICULTURE
Bath: D241 / D244 (8)
Cranfield (Silsoe): D9N1
Glasgow: D820 (16), D860 (16), L130 (16), D220 (16)
Leeds: D224 (16)
Newcastle: D255 (14), D242 (8)
Nottingham: D8J8 (14)
Reading: D200 (10), D220 (12), D230 (12), D240 (12), D253 (12), D255 (12),
Wales, Bangor: D200 (12)

ANATOMY
Glasgow: B140 (16)
London UC: B143 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: B141 (18)

APPLIED SCIENCE
Cranfield, RMCS: FG31 (12): FJ35 (12), GJ15 (12)

AQUACULTURE
Glasgow: C174 (16)
Hull: C174 (18)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE
Liverpool: V602 (12)

ASTRONOMY
Glasgow: FG51 (16), FF35 (16)
Leicester: G1F5 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: F500 (8), F503 (12), FG51 (12)
London, UC: F500 (20), F502 (20), FF53 (20), FF5H (20)
Newcastle: F520 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: F3F5 (12)

ASTROPHYSICS
Leeds: F3F5 (10)
Leicester: F3F5 (20)
London, Queen Mary & West: F523 (12), F526 (8), GF15 (12)
London, UC: F526 (20), F527 (20)
Newcastle: Y121 (8), Y120 (12)
Manchester: F364 (18)
UMIST: G1F5 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: F526 (12), F523 (12)

BIOCHEMISTRY
Essex: C700 (10)
Glasgow: C700 (16), CF76 (16), C720 (16)
Keele: CC17 (14)
Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8), C700 (8)
Leeds: C7C6 (16), CC57 (16), CB71 (16)
Leicester: C700 (16), C140 (16), C400 (16), C620 (16), C200 (16)
Liverpool: C700 (12), C701 (12)
London, Imperial: C700 (20), C702 (20), C701 (20), C7N1 (18), FC17 (20), CF71 (20)
London, King's: C700 (16), CC79 (16), CC57 (16), BC27 (16), BC17 (16), C720 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West:CF71 (10)
London, Royal Holloway: C700 (14), C720
Newcastle: C700 (14), D850 (8)
Nottingham: C770 (14)
Reading: C700 (14), C750 (14)
UMIST: C700 (16), C7J8 (16), C7C6 (16), C7R2 (16), C722 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: C700 (16), C701 (16), C720 (16), C7C6 (16), BC17 (14), CF71 (12), C702 (4), C700 (10), C7N1 (10), C704 (12), CC47 (10), CC57 (10)

BIOLOGY
Buckingham: MC39 (12), C100 (8), C8C1 (10)
Edge Hill: C162
Glasgow: C304 (16), C140 (16)
Keele: CC17 (14), CF11 (12), CF13 (14), CG11 (14), CG15 (14), CL18 (16), CR12 (16), CR18 (16)
Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8)
Hull: C100 (18), C160 (18), C174 (18), C1E7 (18)
Leeds: C180 (14), C110 (16), CG11 (6), CC24 (16), CG14 (16), B150 (18)
Leicester: C100 (16), C140 (16), CF71 (24)
Liverpool: C130 (12), C100 (16), C110 (16), C200 (16), C300 (16), C306 (16), C160 (16)
London, Imperial: C110 (22), C100 (20)
London, King's: C101 (16), Y156 (16), CC16 (16), C650 (16), C140 (16), B950 (16), B150 (20), CF11 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: CF11 (10), F1C1 (10),
London, Royal Holloway: C100 (14)
Newcastle: C180
Reading: C100 (14), C120 (14), C122 (14), C160 (14), C200 (14), C254 (14), D220 (12), D230 (12), D240 (12), D250 (12), B164 (16)
St Mary's Coll: FC81, CQ15, GC11, CF11, VC18, VC81, QC31, CQ18, CL13, CX12, E711
Salford: FC11 (10)
Ulster: C102 (12), C100 (14)

BIOPHYSICS
Leeds: C600 (14)
London, King's: C600 (16)

BIOTECHNOLOGY
Hull: C140 (18)
Leeds: J800 (16)
Leicester: CJ28 (16)
London, Imperial: J800 (20), J801 (20), J802 (20), FJ18 (20), JF81 (20)
London, King's: J800 (16)
Nottingham: D8J8 (14)
Strathclyde: J800 (18)
UMIST: C7J8 (16)

BOTANY
Glasgow: D820 (16), C200 (16)
Reading: C200 (14), CC23 (14)

CHEMISTRY
Bath: F100 / F101 (14)
Bradford: F100 (6), F1B2 (8), F1N1 (8), F101 (6), F1NC (12)
Brunel: F112 (12), F110 (6), F1NL (12), F1N1 (6), F122 (12), F120 (6),
Dundee: F100 (12), F102 (10), F120 (12), F1F3 (12), FF13 (12), FG11 (12), FG14 (12), FL11 (12), FN14 (12)
Durham: F100
Essex: F100 (8), F101 (8), F1N1 (8), F1B9 (8), F160 (8)
Exeter: F100, F160, F101, F102
Glasgow: F100 (16), F102 (16), FF16 (16), F103 (16)
Hull: F1R1 (12), F184 (12), F166 (12), F130 (12), F100 (12)
Keele: CF11 (12)
Kent: F105 (4), F127 (8), F100 (8), F146 (8), F1C1 (8), F1CC (8), F1F9 (8), F129 (8), F1N1 (8)
Leeds: J800 (16), FF1C (18), FG15 (18), FV15 (18), FN11 (18), FJ15 (18), FG11 (18), FF13 (18), F100 (14), F176 (10)
Leicester: F100 (18) CF71 (12), F101 (18), F1T9 (18), F103 (4)
Liverpool: F100 (12), F101 (12), FF12 (12), F160 (12), F1F7 (12), BF21 (12), F7F1 (12)
London, Imperial: F1NC (20)
London, King's: F146 (16), F152 (16), F180 (14), F1C7 (14), F1G5 (16), F1N1 (14), F1NC (16), F1ND (16), F1V5 (14), F100 (14), F105 (12), F115 (16), F130 (14), FV17 (20), FX11 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: CF11(10), CF71 (10), F100 (8), F1C1 (10), F1N1 (10), F334 (8), FF13 (8), FG11 (8), FR12 (10), FR1F (10)
London, UC: F112 (18), F100 (16), F1T2 (16), F1N1 (16), F1F2 (18), F1G1 (18), F126 (16)
Loughborough: F100 (14), F126 (14)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F100 (12), F101 (12), F1L4 (12), F170 (12), F183 (12), F102 (12)
Newcastle: F111 (14), F100 (14), F101 (14)
Reading: F100 (12), F141 (12), F1G5 (12), F1L1 (12), F1V6 (12), FD14 (12)
St Mary's Coll: FQ15, WFL1, CF11, FF81, FG11, VF81
Salford: F110 (10), F100 (10), F105 (10), F101 (14), F102 (18), F103 (14), F106 (4), F140 (12), FL11 (10), FG11 (10), FF13 (10), FC17 (10), FC11 (10)
UEA: F100 (10), F102 (22), F146 (14), F125 (10, FF19 (10), FG11 (10), F1N1 (10), F181 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: CF71 (12), FF13 (14)
Wales, Bangor: F100 (4)

COMBINED SCIENCE
Brunel: Y160 (10)
Glasgow: Y100 (16)
Leicester: Y158 (18)
London, Queen Mary & West: GG4L (12)
Strathclyde: Y100 (DD)

COMPUTER STUDIES
Glasgow: G500 (16), GL58 (16), FG65 (16), CG85, GG45 (16) GG15 (16)
Hull: G500 (18), GN51, GG15, G560, G530, GH56
Liverpool: GH56, H651
London, Royal Holloway: GG51 (16)

COMPUTING
Birmingham: G530 (18), G570 (18)
Buckingham: C8G5 (10), G5N4 (6), G5LK (6), G5G1 (6), G5N1 (6), G5N2 (6), G5L1 (6)
City: G500 (16), H615 (16), G1G5
Cranfield (RMCS): GN51 (10)
Dundee: CG85 (14), FG15 (12), FG35 (12), G500 (12), GG15 (12), GG45 (12), GG59 (12), GHM6 (12), GL51 (12), GN53 (12), GN54 (12)
London Goldsmiths: C895 (20)
Keele: CG75 (14), FG15 (14), FG35 (14), FG65 (14), GG45 (14), GH56 (14), GN51 (16), GR51 (16), RG85 (16)
Kent: GG15 (12), H610 (8)
Leeds: FG15 (18), FG35 (18), G500 (18)
Leicester: G500 (12), G1G5 (14)
Liverpool: G500 (12), G501 (12), G506 (12), G520 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: G1G5 (12), F3G5 (8), G500 (18), GG45 (16)
London, UC: G500 (22), G5C8 (22), G5H6 (22)
Manchester: G500 (18), G502 (18), G506 (18), G520 (18), GG15 (18), GN54 (22), G532 (18), G533 (18), G570 (18), G580 (20), G581 (18).
Salford: G500 (14), G506 (14),
Strathclyde: G500 (CCC), G5T9 (CCC), GN59 (CCC), GH56 (CCC), GG15 (CDD)
Ulster: G545 (12), G510 (14), G902 (12), G502 (12), G500 (14)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16), GQ51 (14), GR52 (14), GR51 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: GG15 (12), GG45 (12), G500 (16), G532 (16)

ECOLOGY
Leicester: C900 (16)
London, Imperial: C900 (20)
Newcastle: D970 (8)

EDUCATION
Edge Hill: E2G1, E4G1, E2EX, E4EX
St Mary's Coll: E747, E757, E758, E750, E752

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
City: G1F3
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802
Kent: F1F9 (8), F129 (8)
Leeds: F900 (16), F904 (12), F902 (14)
Liverpool: F900 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: F140 (10)
Newcastle: D206 (8)
Reading: C160 (14), C254 (14), F900
St Mary's Coll: F900 (4)
Salford: F910 (14), F140 (12)
Strathclyde: F900 (CCC)
Ulster: F900 (16), F901 (16)
UMIST: F3F9 (12)

FOOD MARKETING SCIENCE
Cranfield (Silsoe): D450
Reading: D430 (12), D450 (12)

FOOD SCIENCE
Dundee: D490 (8)
Nottingham: C560 (14), C770 (14), D400 (14)
Reading: D400 (12), D421 (12), D430 (12), FD14 (12), D450 (12)
Strathclyde: DC45 (18)

GENETICS
Leeds: CC24 (16), C400 (14)
Leicester: C400 (16)
Liverpool: C500 (12), C5J8 (12), C400 (12)
Newcastle: C400 (16)

GEOCHEMISTRY
Leicester: F670 (12)

GEOGRAPHY
Edge Hill: L800
Glasgow: GL58 (16), F800 (16), FF68 (16), F862 (16)
Leeds: F640 (14)
Reading: FF98 (20)
St Mary's Coll: FC81, FF81, GF18, FQ88, FL83

GEOLOGY
Glasgow: FF16 (16), FF68 (16), F600 (16), F3F6 (16)
Keele: FF16 (14), FF36 (14), FH66 (14), FR68 (16)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12), F670 (12)
Liverpool: F600 (12), F606 (12), F6F8 (12)
London, UC: F642 (15), F630 (15), F600 (15)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F600 (14), F670 (14), F630 (14)
Newcastle: D960 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: F600 (10), F620 (12)

GEOPHYSICS
Leicester: F640 (12)
Liverpool: F640 (12), F606 (12)
London, UC: F650 (15), F660 (15)
Newcastle: F650 (10)

HISTORY OF SCIENCE
Leeds: FV15 (18), FV35 (18)

HORTICULTURE
Nottingham: D250 (14)
Reading: D250 (12)
Strathclyde: D250 (CD), D2N9 (CD)

HUMAN SCIENCE
Liverpool: V6B1 (12)

IMMUNOLOGY
Glasgow: F600 (16)
London, King's: CC79 (16), C920 (16)
London, UC: C920 (16)
Strathclyde: CC59 (18)

MARINE STUDIES
Wales, Bangor: F140 (4)

MATERIALS SCIENCE
Leeds: J500 (14), FJ35 (18)
Liverpool: J200 (12), F200 (12), BF92 (12)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), J525 (14), JF5F (18)

MATHEMATICS
Bath: G100 (20)
Bradford: G100 (10), GG14 (10), G1V7 (10), G1N1 (10)
City: G100, G1G5, G1G4, G1F3
Essex: G100 (10), GG14 (10), GG15 (10), G4L1 (10)
Exeter: G100, G107, G130, GG04
Glasgow: FG51 (16), G100 (16), GG15 (16), NG11 (16), GV1R (16), GG14 (16), FG41 (16)
Hull: G100 (12), G120 (12), G1R1 (12), G1R2 (12), G1R4 (12), GG15
Keele: CG11 (14), FG11 (12), FG31 (12), GH16 (14), GL11 (16), GN11 (16)
Kent: GNC4 (14), GLC1 (12), G100 (12), G1N1 (12), GG15 (12), GV17
Leicester: G102 (14), G100 (14), G1F5 (14), G1G5 (14)
Leeds: FG11 (18)
Liverpool: G100 (12), G1XC (12), GG14 (12), GG15 (12), G400 (12), G1N1 (12), G150 (12), G151 (12), FG21 (12), F6G1 (12), G1F3 (12), FG31 (12), FG35 (12), F326 (12)
London, Goldsmiths': G140 (4), G141 (4), GG1M (4), G1G4 (4), G1GM (4), G1GK (4), G1G5 (4), GG14 (4), GG41 (4), CG81 (4), GG15 (4)
London, Imperial: G100 (22), G125 (22), G1F3 (22), G101 (22), G1N1 (22), G102 (22), G1G4
London, King's: FF35 (16), FG11 (16), FG31 (16), G100 (18), GG15 (16), GN11 (16), G1V5 (18), GG1N (16), GX11 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: FG11 (8), FG31 (12), FG51 (12), G110 (12), G120 (12), G130 (8), G150 (8), G1G5 (12), G1N1 (12), GG41 (12), J920 (12), J922 (12)
London, UC: F4G1 (18)
Loughborough: FG31 (16)
Manchester: G100 (18), GV17 (18), G101 (18), G103 (24)
Newcastle: G150 (14), G151 (12), G100 (16), GG14 (14)
Reading: G100 (18), G152 (14), GG15 (18), GL11 (18)
St Mary's Coll: GW14, GC11, FG11, CF18, E750, GV18, GV11, GQ18, GL13, GX12, E711, E722, E753, E725
Salford: CG91 (12), G100 (14) GG51, FG11 (10)
Strathclyde: G100 (CDD), G150 (CDD), GG15 (CDD), G1L1 (CDD), GH13 (CDD), G1T9 (CDD)
UMIST: G100 (18), G434 (18), GG15 (18), GRC1 (18), GRC2 (18), GN11 (18), G1R4 (18), G1F5 (18), GF13 (18)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: FG31 (14), FG3C (14), G100 (12), G110 (10), G111 (10), GG15 (12)
Wales, Bangor: G100 (6)
York: G1F3, GF13, G100, G101

MEDICAL SCIENCE
Bradford: Y156 (14)
Glasgow: F103 (16), B100 (16), C920 (16), C720 (16), C340 (16)
Liverpool: C130 (12), C140 (12), CC1R (12), C141 (12), CC17 (12)
Loughborough: F126 (14)
Manchester: J2B9 (12)
Ulster: B940 (14)

MICROBIOLOGY
Glasgow: C500 (16)
Kent: C500 (8)
Leeds: CC57 (16)
Leicester: C500 (12)
Liverpool: C500 (12), C5J8 (12), C400 (12)
London, Imperial: C500 (20)
London, King's: C500 (16) CC57 (16)
Manchester: J2B9 (12)
Nottingham: C560 (14)
Reading: C500 (14)
Strathclyde: CC59 (CCC), C510 (CCC), DC45 (18)

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
Hull: C140 (18)
Leeds: C7C6 (16), C250 (14)
Leicester: C620 (16)
Liverpool: C620 (12), C627 (12)
London, King's: C620 (16)
Newcastle: C620 (14)

NEUROSCIENCE
Glasgow: B172 (16)
London UC: B172 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: B172 (18), B173 (18)

NURSING
London, King's: B700 (18)

NUTRITION
London, King's: B400 (16)

PATHOLOGY
Glasgow: B166 (16)

PHARMACOLOGY
Glasgow: B200 (16)
Leeds: B200 (14), BB12 (16)
London, King's: BC27 (16), B200 (16), B220 (16), BB12 (16)
London School of Pharm: B220 (18)
Loughborough: F126 (14)

PHYSICAL SCIENCES
London, UC: Y160 (16)

PHYSICS
Birmingham: F300 (12), F320 (12), F340 (12), F3F5 (12)
Brunel: F302 (6), F300 (6), F352 (6), F355 (6), F3G5 (6), F3Gm (6), F3NC (6), F3N1 (6)
Dundee: F1F3 (12), F300 (6), FF13 (12), FG31 (12), FG35 (12), FH36 (6), FN31 (12), FV37 (12), HF63 (6)
Essex: F300 (10), F301 (10), F303 (10), F310 (10), F312 (10), F313 (10), F366 (10), F367 (10), F320 (10), F322 (10), F323 (10), F3N1 (8)
Exeter: F300, F301, F370, F348, F320, F321
Glasgow: F334 (16), F300 (16), FF35 (16), FHH6 (16), F3F6 (16), FGH1 (16), F350 (16)
Hull: F310 (14), F314 (14), F366 (12), F370 (14), F354 (12)
Keele: CF13 (14), CF73 (12), FF13 (12), FF36 (14), FG31 (12), FG35 (14), FH36 (12), FL31 (14), FN31 (14), FR31 (16)
Kent: F305 (4), F300 (8), F3F5 (8), F365 (8), F361 (8)
Leeds: FF13 (18), FG35 (18), FJ35 (18), FG31 (18), F300 (10), F3F5 (10), F3H5 (10), F3H6 (10), FV35 (18)
Liverpool: G1F3 (12), F300 (12), F306 (12), F301 (12), F340 (12), FF23 (12), F352 (12), F384 (12), FG31 (12), FG35 (12), F326 (12), F334 (12)
London, King's: F300 (16), F305 (16), F350 (16), F370 (16), F3F5 (16), F3G5 (16), F3N1 (16), F3R1 (16), F3V5 (16), FF13 (16), FH36 (16), FX31 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: F300 (8), F303 (12), F323 (12), F320 (8), F3H6 (8), F3HP (12), F334 (8), F374 (8), F3G5 (8), FE23 (8), FG31 (12), F3N1 (8), F1N1 (10)
London, Royal Holloway: F300 (14)
London, UC: FF53 (20), FF5H (20), F303 (20), F310 (20), F313 (20), F3T2 (20), F370 (20), F365 (20), F366 (20), F654 (20)
Loughborough: F300 (16), FG31 (16), F380 (16)
Manchester: F300 (18), F301 (18), F303 (18), F325 (20), F361 (18), F364 (18), FF36 (18), FG31 (18)
Newcastle: F301 (10), F320, F370 (10), F320
Reading: F300 (12), F304 (4), F305 (8), F340 (12)
Salford: F314 / F343, F303 / F300 (8), F376 / F375 (8), F305 (8), F354 / F355 (8), F367 / F368 (8), F3TK / F3T4 (8), F3RC / F3R (8), F3R2 / F3RF (8), F3R8 / F3RV (8), FF13 (10)
Strathclyde: F300 (CD), F310 (CD), F368 (CD)
UMIST: F300 (12), F3F9 (12), F356 (12), F368 (12), F376 (12), F3R1 (12), F3R2 (12), GF13 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: F300 (12), F3F5 (12), F370 (12), F320 (12), F348 (12), F303 (12), FF13 (14), FG31 (14), FG3C (14)
York: F376, F377, F3F5, G1F3, GF13, F303, F321, F375, F300, F320

PHYSIOLOGY
Glasgow: B100 (16), BC18 (16)
Leicester: D946 (16)
London, King's: BC17 (16), B100 (16), BB12 (16)
Reading: C881 (16)
Salford: CG91 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: BC17 (14)

PLANT SCIENCE
Leicester: C200 (16)
London, Imperial: C200 (20)
Newcastle: C260 (8), D240 (8)
Nottingham: D240 (14), D820 (14)
Reading: C254 (14)

PODIATRY
La Sainte Union Coll: B985 (12)
London, UC: B985 (18)

PSYCHOLOGY
Buckingham: C8N1 (12), C8G5 (10), C8C1 (10)
Glasgow: CG85 (16), BC18 (16)
London, Goldsmiths': C895 (20), CG81 (8)
Reading: C881 (16)
Ulster: C800 (14)

RADIOGRAPHY
Cranfield, RMCS: B810 (10), B820 (10)
London, King's: B800 (16)

SOIL SCIENCE
Reading: D962 (12), D920 (14), FF98 (20)

SPORT SCIENCE
St Mary's Coll: GX12, E753

STATISTICS
Bradford: GG14 (10)
City: G1G4
Exeter: GGD4, G434, GGK5, L143, L141, L144
Glasgow: GG45 (16), GG14 (16), G400 (16)
Hull: G430 (12)
Leeds: CG14 (16)
London, Imperial: G1G4 (22)
London, UC: G400 (20), Y624 (20), Y625 (20), G4T2 (20)
London, Queen Mary & West: G400 (12), GL41 (18), GL41 (18)
Newcastle: GG14 (14), G400 (14)
Reading: G400 (14)
Strathclyde: G400 (CDD)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: GG45 (12), G420 (12), G421 (12)

TEXTILES
Leeds: J446 (12), WJ24 (16), NJ14 (14), J460 (12)

ZOOLOGY
Glasgow: C300 (16)
Leeds: C300 (14)
Leicester: C300 (20)
London, Imperial: C300 (20)
Newcastle: D830 (8), D220 (8)
Reading: C300 (14), C310 (14), CC23 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: C300 (18), C301 (12)

PCAS

AGRICULTURE/ AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY
Harper Adams: D200, D270, D231, D271, DN25, D25D, D955, F932, H3N1, F999
SAC: D2N1
Humberside: D952
Plymouth: N 970, D200, D201, D202

ANALYTICAL SCIENCE
Greenwich: Y120

AQUACULTURE
Plymouth: F870
SAC: C172

ASTRONOMY
Central Lancashire: F999
Hertfordshire: F500

ASTROPHYSICS
Central Lancashire: F520
Hertfordshire: F399

BIOCHEMISTRY
Central Lancashire: C700
Coventry: C700 (4)
E London: C700
Greenwich: C700
Kingston: C700
N London: C700, C999
Westminster: CC75
Wolverhampton: C700

BIOLOGY
Central Lancashire: C110, F199
Coventry: CL11 (10), CR11 (12), CR12 (12), CL18 (12), CG14 (6)
De Montfort: C110 (4)
Dundee Inst: CF11 (4)
E London: C300, C198
Glamorgan: CF11, CF19, CF13, CJ11, FC61, C100
Glasgow Caledonian: C120
Greenwich: C110, C160
Hertfordshire: C110
Huddersfield: C621
Kingston: CF18, CR11, CR12, CF11, CF13, C199
Leeds Metro: B150 (16)
Luton: Y400
NE Wales Inst: C110 (2)
N London: C120
Nene: Y4C1
Oxford Brookes: C140
Plymouth: C100
Portsmouth: C100, C621
South Bank: C160, C1N1, C1N8, C168
Staffordshire: CF11, CF13, CF16, CF19, CG14, CG15, CL18, CH16
Sunderland: C110, C160
Univ of W England: H648
Wolverhampton: C120

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
Cardiff Inst: C980
Central Lancashire: Y150
De Montfort: CAN1 (4)
E London: C620, C199
Kingston: C999
Portsmouth: C999
Sheffield Hallam: C999, F103
Sunderland: C999
Univ of W England: C999
Wolverhampton: B999, B920

BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCE
E London: C600, C620

BIOSCIENCE
Glasgow, Caledonian: C120
Kingston: C110
Robert Gordon: CF91
Sheffield, Hallam: CN91, CF99

BIOTECHNOLOGY
De Montfort: C999 (4)
Dundee Inst: C999 (4)
E London: C999, J820, CN11
Glamorgan: J800
Lancashire: C199
Luton: Y400
South Bank: J800, J808, J8N1, J8N8
Westminster: J800

CERAMIC SCIENCE
Staffordshire: FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, J320, JG34, JG35

CHEMISTRY
Central Lancashire: F110, F199, F100
Coventry: FF12 (8), FF13 (8), F110 (8), CF11 (8), FG15 (10), FR11 (10), FL18 (10), FR12 (10), FG11 (10), FL18 (10), FR12 (10), FG11 (10), FG14 (10), F1N1 (8), F1C7 (8), J440 (8), F1J4 (8)
De Montfort: F110 (4), F1N1
Dundee Inst: CF11 (4), FG11 (4), F1N1 (4), FF31 (4), 1N1F (2)
Glamorgan: FF19, FF16, FF13, CF11, F100
Glasgow, Caledonian: F1G5
Greenwich: F1N1, F110, F670, F199, FN11
Hertfordshire: F110, F118, F140, F148
Huddersfield: F100, F1C7, F1H8, F1N1, F1B3
Kingston: FF81, FR11, FR12, F100, F110, F199, F1N1, FF31
Leeds Metro: F1N1
NE Wales Inst: F100 (2)
N London: F100, Y100, F199, F1N1
Northumbria: F110
Plymouth: F140, F180, F110
Portsmouth: F110
Robert Gordon: F110, CF91
Salford Coll: F100 (4), F1F1 (4)
Sheffield Hallam: F103, F110, F162, FF19
South Bank: H800, H808
Staffordshire: F100, F110, FF13, FF16, FF19, FG14, FG15, CF11, FM16, FJ13, FL18
Sunderland: FB13
Teesside: F100, F160
Univ of W England: F110
Wolverhampton: F110

CLINICAL SCIENCE
Bournemouth: B999

COGNITIVE SCIENCE
Westminster: C801

COMBINED STUDIES (SCIENCES)
Bath Coll: Y100
Bournemouth: Y110
Brighton: Y100
De Montfort: Y400
Dundee Inst: Y400 (4)
Glasgow, Caledonian: Y100, Y111, Y110
Gwent: Y400 (4)
Hertfordshire: Y100
Kingston: Y108
Lancashire: Y400
London, Guildhall: Y400
Luton: Y400
Middlesex: Y600
NE Wales Inst: F910 (10), Y120 (4)
N London: Y100
Nottingham Trent: Y108
Oxford Brookes: Y100
Plymouth: Y401
Portsmouth: Y108
Univ of C England: Y100
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on a too-reverent but finely acted film biography of Tina Turner

Homage to a rock goddess

Forty years ago Hollywood biographies of musicians, songwriters and entertainers formed a regular part of the moviegoers' diet, served with plenty of syrup and corn. Triumph one minute, heartbreak the next, plus familiar tunes: the pattern was constant. Now such films are more likely to be served as television dinners, cooked for the tastebuds of middle-aged viewers, though occasionally the biopic of a rock musician is produced for cinema's young audiences.

What's Love Got To Do With It, Tina Turner's story, is hardly the film to redefine the genre. The script, derived from the singer's autobiography, adopts a worshipful stance, and plods through her life — triumph, heartbreak, triumph again — with little originality. Yet the soundtrack might set a deaf person dancing, while as an actor's showcase the film is a dream.

Like Robert Downey Jr in *Chaplin*, Angela Bassett takes on the challenge of impersonating an icon, and emerges triumphant. She may not look like the rock 'n' roller (still going strong at 54), but emotional conviction carries her through, from Tina's beginnings as the naïve country girl who joins Ike Turner's band to the couple's long years of public success and private pain. Laurence Fishburne also makes hay with the difficult role of Ike, the abusive husband who imprisons Tina in her own success. To celebrate stardom, he uses his full name: Larry had always been sufficient before.

Cinematically, director Brian Gibson was probably in better shape 15 years ago when he made cogent films such as *Billion Dollar Bubble* for the BBC. But he never squanders the film's large canvas, and clocks the years in amusing ways, through home-movie footage, Afro hairstyles and other signs of the times.

There is one overriding problem: these passing years bring so little change to Tina herself. She becomes stuck in the rut of the saintly abused wife, taking it on the chin scene after scene. This may well accord with some of the facts, but it is aggravating watching a woman who seems such a glutton for punishment: you start to lose sympathy.

If the scriptwriter Kate Lanier got off her knees and stopped treating Tina like Mother Teresa, the dramatic conflicts would be greatly sharpened. But any overhaul of *What's Love Got To Do With It* should keep the actors, keep the music and the wonderful opening, a depiction of Tina as an irrepressible child, led out of church for her "wild gyrations": the film's best scene.

The Baby of Mâcon features its own wild gyrations, in a cathedral setting, no less. Peter Greenaway's latest extravaganza also includes mass rape, the mutilation of a baby's corpse, a stomach gored by an enraged bull, and enough deformed, diseased human bodies to make the imaginings of Hieronymous Bosch look as charming as Beatrix Potter's.

The film's structure is complex, its meaning confused, though Greenaway has mentioned child exploitation, voyeurism and the ritual bond between cinema, theatre and religion. We are in an Italian provincial theatre of 1659, watching a troupe perform a masque about the exploitation of a "miraculous" baby by church authorities and the baby's supposed mother, an 18-year-old virgin. Illusion and reality constantly cross paths. Actors playing the local militia queue to rape the virgin for real (more than 200 times, we are told); the theatre audience's principal worthy, gullible young aristocrat Cosimo Medici, also gets involved.

Yet our own attempt to penetrate the material becomes thwarted by the oppressive density of vestments, drapery, farmyard animals, baroque ornamentation, images from Renaissance paintings and piles of tortuous words. Greenaway has come a distance since his early, fleet-footed minimalist shorts; each film now drags such a weight of imagery and intellectual conceits that it has a hard job staying upright. The ability of cameraman Sacha Vierney, designers Ben Van Os, Jan Roelfs and the crews to conjure their own miracles from modest budgets only increases the problem.

In *Prospero's Books*, Shakespeare and John Gielgud ignited proceedings. Other past features mollified the viewer with scripts stamped by Greenaway's scholarly wit, love of paradox and eccentric trivia. The *Mâcon* script, however, is a flatulent affair, which gives little encouragement to the valiant actors, led by Julia Ormond, Ralph Fiennes and Philip Stone.

Cinema audiences get even more of the director's cold shoulder: watching *The Baby* is like being locked for eternity in a hideous religious painting. Up to now, this has been more a problem for us, not Greenaway. A core constituency has always cheered him on; and continued funding, mostly from Europe, has given him *carte blanche* to be as obscure as he wished. But in the unpleasant, arrogant, infuriating *Baby of Mâcon*, he reaches crisis point. So, coincidentally, does his regular Dutch producer, Kees Kasander, whose company Allarts was declared bankrupt last month.

More grisly sights are on parade in **Acción Mutante**, a Spanish horror and science-fiction spoof produced by the Almodóvar brothers, Pedro and Agustín. There is little sign of their camp imagination; the mind of the director, Alex de la Iglesia, runs more to brutal jokes about hunchbacks, Siamese twins, heiress heroines with their mouths stapled, and wounds attacked with a razor, salt and vinegar.

Acción Mutante are disabled terrorists who wage war against the world's beautiful people. They kidnap a wholemeal bread tycoon's daughter and ship her to another planet to collect the ransom. En route, the gang fall out, the dingy spacecraft springs numerous leaks, and whatever bizarre charm the film first possessed becomes engulfed by unfunny sick humour.

Daughters of the Dust escorts the spectator to a far more enticing universe of blue waters, white sand, sharp shadows and African-American islanders off the South Carolina coast, their white dresses ruffling in the wind. It takes time to feel at ease here, for American film-maker Julie Dash, making her first feature after several acclaimed shorts, thumbs her nose at narrative. This is a cinema of poetic images, of looks, gestures and declamatory speeches.

The goal is to resurrect the "Gullah" communities at the turn of the century — island descendants of slaves, torn between upholding ancient African beliefs and joining the mainland's modern world. A family picnic, on the eve of migration, is under way. Stories are told, beliefs expounded, wrapped in photography of uncommon splendour. A shorter running time would probably help, though the film still deserves applause as a ravishing visual exhumation of a vanished world.

Back to the mundane for **The Crush**, a Hollywood potboiler which should probably have gone straight to video. The cast have no marquee value; nor is there much to notice in director Alan Shapiro's script, apart from the unlikelihood of Cary Elwes's investigative reporter failing to spot that his teenage neighbour is a psychopathic Lolita. Still, it passes the time, and Bruce Surtees's photography is good enough to deserve a much better film.

What's Love Got To Do With It
Odeon West End, 18, 118 mins
Powerful acting redeems conventional biopic

The Baby of Mâcon
Lumière, 18, 120 mins
Oppressive Greenaway extravaganza

Acción Mutante
MGM Haymarket, 18, 90 mins
Lamentable SF spoof

Daughters of the Dust
ICA Cinema, 113 mins
Wildly visual debut feature

The Crush
Odeon West End, 15, 89 mins
Good-looking potboiler



Angela Bassett, as Tina Turner in *What's Love Got To Do With It*, takes on the challenge of impersonating an icon

TELEVISION

Bloody popular shows

In 51 BC, Marcus Rufus Caelius waxed desperate for leopards. He wrote repeatedly from Rome to his mentor Cicero in southern Turkey, demanding leopards by return of post. "About the leopards, you should see that the animals are shipped to me . . . In almost all my letters to you I have mentioned leopards . . . I would be glad if you would take the trouble, *and I keep asking you this*, to let me have something in the way of beasts . . . It will be a disgrace to you if I have to go without my leopards."

But if he grew quite tedious on the subject, he had good reason. For as last night's quite fascinating **Timewatch** (BBC 2) explained, Roman power focused increasingly on the bloodbath spectacles staged for public delight — first at funerals, then in the specially built amphitheatre, and finally in the Colosseum (which seated 50,000). If the term "bread and circuses" ever suggested to one's innocent imagination clever sea-lions playing "Rule, Britannia!" on old-fashioned bicycle horns, this "True Story of the Roman Arena" made you think again.

The fate of those leopards, of course, was to be dragged back from all corners of the Empire, shown off to an immense bloodthirsty crowd for a few seconds, and then horribly skewered. Five thousand exotic animals might be killed in a single day, apparently; which may explain why Cicero — a notable brain — was reluctant to comply with the requisition.

The point was that the crowd loved it, and somehow in all the excitement completely forgot they couldn't vote. Once the Colosseum was up and running (80 AD), the programme of events was as follows. 9am: wild beast hunt in the arena, with lots of spectacle, scenery, animal-handlers dressed in mythological costume. Midmorning: depending on still having sufficient animals alive, Christians and other criminals "exposed to wild beasts", the victims usually tied up and the animals' attention specially directed towards them (hence the expression "Pull the other leg, it's got bells on").

It goes on. Midday: soak up some of the blood, squirt perfume to disguise the stench, and then commence the mass executions, in which criminals are simply hacked to death. Then, climax of the day, 2pm: the gladiators. Thousands of trained combatants, in pairs, slug it out to the death, loads of blood, more corpses, end of story, home-time. Apparently prostitutes waited outside the Colosseum to service the punters aroused by the show.

How much of last night's film reflected new research was hard for a layman to guess. What certainly seemed new was the emphasis on the so-called "games" as a cornerstone of imperial rule, even in the Christian era. But it was difficult to envisage violence and murder on such a scale, and a half-hearted analogy with a modern bullfight at Arles didn't help very much.

These Roman shows were clearly fantastically sophisticated (from the production point of view) yet utterly barbaric. A paradox. One will never watch *Spartacus* in quite the same way again.

LYNNE TRUSS

Creating the future from the past

John Percival previews the second Vivarta festival of contemporary Indian dance, which opens tomorrow

WE USED to know what to expect from a programme of Indian dancing. Tradition ruled, stretching back thousands of years — even if most of it had been reconstructed much more recently from old textbooks and pictures.

True, there was a range of styles. At one extreme lay the classic Bharata Natyam of south India, a solo recital by a woman undertaking prescribed moods, manners and tempos in a set order, from pure abstraction to winsome expression of religious or amorous devotion. At the other end of the scale was Kathakali, the colourful dance drama telling the legendary adventures of gods, warriors and princes, where men played all the roles.

Those of us who went at all frequently, whether from enthusiasm or in the line of duty, learnt also about the Kathak and Manipuri styles from the north, and other variants besides; but you get the picture. It took an exceptional artist to breathe life into the mould.

No wonder that some practitioners began looking for new ways of using their traditions that would relate more closely to the world we live in now and to developments in the other arts. We saw British-based choreographers such as Shobana Jeyasingh and Nahid Siddiqui collaborating with European composers and developing different structures or themes for their traditional dance techniques. Meanwhile, in the leading centres of India, some choreographers were trying even more drastic experiments.

It was left to an Englishman, Simon Dove, to have the idea of offering British audiences a manifesto of the new developments. His training was in art history, his work largely concerned with Indian performing arts, and he grew dissatisfied with the extent to which what he calls the "cultural icon" was still dominating the marketing and content of south Asian dance. On a study tour several years back he sought out those dancers who (without the government finance and sponsorship which go to more traditional forms) were working towards new ways of using movement.

FINALLY, under the title Vivarta (a Sanskrit word meaning transformation or evolution), he presented a festival last year of seven companies or soloists in a three-week season at the Place Theatre in London: most of them appeared also at Phoenix Arts in Leicester.

His argument was that following the strict cultural heritage had produced some refined and inspired work but that audiences felt emotionally and intellectually remote from it. What he wanted was "a new contemporary south Asian dance language which communicates more directly with contemporary audiences".

By its nature, work in this genre is less predictable, but most of it was good, and the best of it thrilling. Reactions were generally enthusiastic so Dove has come up this year with another festival. Kumidini Lakhia's company Kadamb, seen last time, returns from Bombay to open the season in Leicester tomorrow, going on to the Arnolfini in Bristol and the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The Place Theatre is otherwise still the London base. Nahid Siddiqui's company and the Yuva youth group, both British-based, are again taking part, but this time the net is spread even wider into the south Asian diaspora.

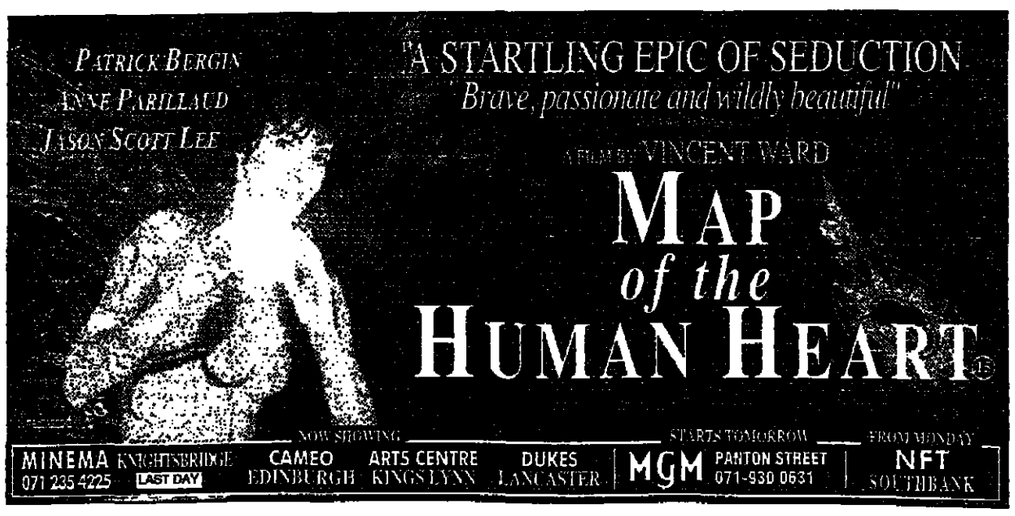
For instance, Roger Sinha, born in London of Indian and Armenian parents, was, he says, "exported to Canada at age eight", studied ballet and contemporary dance there, and is bringing a solo that explores racial experiences of his own youth through the medium of an autobiographical essay by Hanif (*My Beautiful Laundrette*) Kureishi. And the French choreographer Annette Leday, after years of studying Kathakali, has collaborated with five male dancers from Kerala on *La Sensitive*, which takes a poem by Shelley as its point of departure. Malliki Sarabhai, meanwhile, draws on her European theatrical experience, with Peter Brook among others, as well as her work in India with her mother Mrinalini (the greatest Bharata Natyam dancer I ever saw).

Thanks to Simon Dove, British audiences have the opportunity to see a range of work it would be difficult to match in India without a lot of patience and travel.

● Vivarta *begins at Phoenix Arts, Leicester (0533 554854) tomorrow. 8pm. The Place Theatre details on (071-387 0031)*







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AMERICAN ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY: This gigantic survey is held in two galleries and made up largely of huge individual works. It chronicles the development of modernism in the United States from the time of the epoch-making Armory Show of 1913 to the present. The great weight of the show falls on the "golden age" of Abstract Expressionism in the Forties and Fifties. The Saatchi Collection houses the second part of the exhibition showing works from 1970 onwards
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TRAVESTIES: Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner revived with Antony Sher as the aged consul remembering Lenin, Joyce and Dada in 1917 Zurich. Adrian Noble directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then in repertoire

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: The company opens its 25th anniversary celebrations with Nicholas Hytner's neo-classical production of **La clemenza di Tito** also noted for David Fielding's striking Romanesque designs

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

Nigel Robson sings the role of the magnanimous ruler. Ivor Bolton conducts.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

FOREVER PLAID: Long-running American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s. "Lady of Spain", "Three Coins in a Fountain" and other titles feature
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Previews from tonight, 8pm. Opens Sept 28, 7pm

ELSEWHERE

BASINGSTOKE: After its major rebuild, the Haymarket opens with **The Cheeky Chappie**, a musical stage biography about Max Miller. Kenneth MacDonald plays the famously blue comedian
Haymarket, Wote Street (0256-565566). Gala opening, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

HARROGATE: The Government Inspector, Gogol's comedy of human vanity and local government, as revised by Vincent Franklin with local references. Sounds fun
Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street (0423-502116). Opens tonight, 7.45pm, then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (from Sept 25), 2.30pm.

LEICESTER: The Destiny of Me, Larry Kramer's award-winning sequel to one of the first Aids plays, *The Normal Heart*. Simon Callow directs and stars as the hero recalling his gay Jewish childhood.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533-539797). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 21, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat (from Sept 25), 3pm

PLYMOUTH: Roy Marsden plays the title role in **The Master Forger**, based on the exploits of Tom Keating. Tour follows.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752-267222). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

BRIGHTON: Christine Tobin, The Dublin jazz singer, performs original material with a Celtic flavour
The Fishermans, (0273 202807) Tonight, 8.30pm

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
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◪ **CAROUSEL**: The National's smash-hit version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical has arrived in the West End. Michael Hayden and Joanna Riding still head the cast.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Another Sixties revival. Michael Bogdanov directs
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 180mins

☐ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. 190mins

☐ **IN THE SUMMER HOUSE:** Belated British production of Jane Bowles' oddball, yet rewarding play about a mother/daughter relationship.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith W6 (081 741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS:** Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. Puzzling but a must for fans.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 7.30pm.

☐ **MURMURING JUDGES:** Second play, concerning the law, of David Hare's trilogy, joins *Racing Demon* (church) in the repertoire. *The Absence of War* (politics) to follow
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071 928 2252). Previews tonight-Sat, 7.15pm.

☐ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Pinter's production of Mamet
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**: Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES**: Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT**: Dennis Waterman plays the seen-it-all, done-it-all bouncer in the Heather Brothers' musical pastiche of life and songs in the 1960s
Strand Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's success. Less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm

☐ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, roving back and forth in time. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple, the others are unchanged from the excellent Scarborough cast.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) **Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) .. ☐ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

ANCHORESS: More a photographer's exhibit about medieval life than a movie, but a promising feature debut from Britain's Chris Newby.
Everyman (071-435 1525)

◆ **THE FIRM** (15). Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris. Sydney Pollack directs
Empire (071-497 9999)

THE LIE (15). Refreshing, straightforward French drama about facing up to Aids. Francois Margolin directs Nathalie Baye and Didier Sandre
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

A PLACE IN THE WORLD (12): Incidents in the life of an Argentine family in the hinterlands. Good looking but flabby. Director, Adolfo Aristarain.
Metro (071-437 0757)

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15). French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur
Renoir (071-837 8402)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

ERASERHEAD (18): David Lynch's first film, completed in 1978; an extraordinary dream fantasy about love and sexuality. Revived with an improved soundtrack.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636).

◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15). Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
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◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG). Michael Crichton's bestseller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15): Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles. With Mary McDonnell, Alfre Woodard
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Electric** (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

LE SAMOURAI (PG): Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Lumière (071-836 0691)

THEATRE: Reworked Bleasdale, perky musical comedy and odd Dutch visitors

Caring was never more difficult

The Party's Over
Nottingham Playhouse

MY APPRECIATION of Alan Bleasdale nose-dived after seeing *Having a Ball*, his vasectomy comedy, and his plays since then have done little to heal the scar of that terrible evening. *On the Ledge* contained ingenious ideas, but was not much of a play, and here is this odd non-event, the re-work of a play first produced 18 years ago.

Most playwrights would consign something like *The Party's Over* to a dusty corner of their cuttings file: in the section devoted to 'prentice works where they tested their emerging skills and perhaps decided to try television instead. But Bleasdale evidently feels sufficient fondness for his characters — the flabby warden of a girls' probation hostel, his wife and four of the girls — to have updated their dialogue with references to the Nineties — "The Nice Nineties", as Mr and Mrs Kane each fatuously say — and such contemporary icons as Gazza and Tom Cruise.

Three of the girls smoke and swear incessantly, dress up like tarts and tease Mr Kane with their dim jokes, but there is a fatal staleness to these characters. This is the fag-end of naturalism.

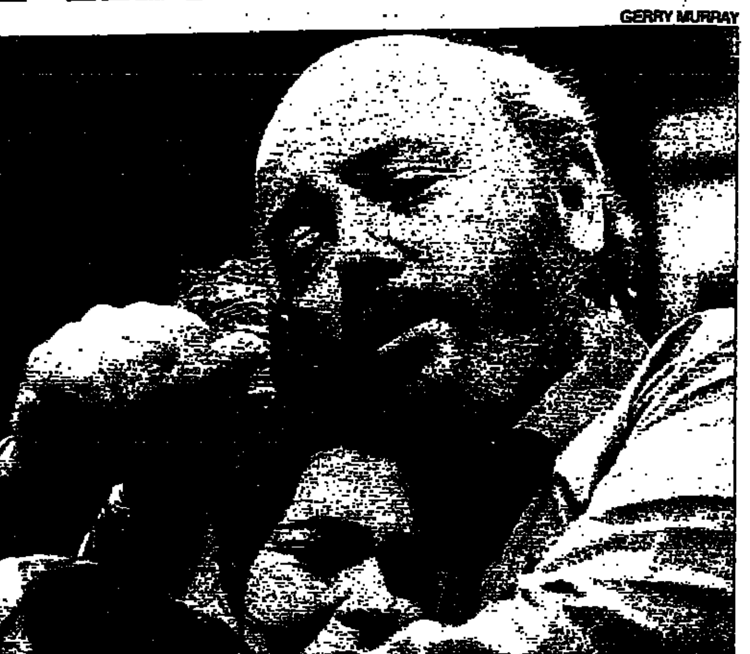
A cluttered study and a scruffy dormitory occupy most of the stage, but these are dominated, in Michael Taylor's design, by a steep flight of steps climbing up to a door so large that Mrs Kane (Tina Marian) could look through the letterbox without bending down. This door must be a symbol. Of confinement. Of having to be back indoors by 11 o'clock — though this is a rule the girls flout. One of the few moments when the dialogue taps into authentic feeling is when Lorraine (Clare Cathcart) declares in ringing tones that she will be hitch-hiking to London at the end of her time in the hostel, not going by train, so as to relish the freedom.

At the start of the play, new girl Bernadette (Joy Blakeman), a humourless mouse, is scattering hints about something horrid in her background. By the second act she is pregnant in a "Jesus Saves" shirt. Mr Kane (Nick Stringer) goes prosing on about job satisfaction and the happiness that comes of professional caring. He's a bore. But maybe he's going to rape one of the girls.

In fact, he looks more likely to be raped by one of them but, sure enough, a moment comes when he wraps his hand like a bowler around the cricket ball of Lorraine's breast. (She has a second one, of course, but he only puts his hand around the nearest.) And it is not the first time he has crossed the line from caring to cuddling. It's true what you hear, Bleasdale seems to be telling us, social workers abuse their charges.

In 1975, this may have been disconcerting news, but nothing can surprise us today about the social services. Now and then Bleasdale seems to be aiming at black comedy, sprinkling Bernadette's account of death by arson with jokes in silly voices. This doesn't work either. Hettie Macdonald (director) should have noticed that if Lorraine protests that her room-mate Jackie (Michelle Butterly) has looked at her photos a hundred times, then it is nonsense for her to describe them yet again.

GERRY MURRAY



Kane (Nick Stringer) holds Lorraine (Clare Cathcart) rather too close

This autumn the Playhouse is presenting a version of Zola's *La Bête humaine*, DV8's *MSM*, a co-production with the Royal Court, and Robert Lepage's *Coriolan*. A pity that so interesting a season opens with this mediocre piece.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Crystalline comedy

The Great Big Radio Show!
Watermill, Bagnor

THE set is really clever, and witty too: the front of a gigantic radio, vintage 1933, in maple veneer, with a semi-circular dial of frosted glass. In making it a dominating presence for this likable musical comedy, Saul Radomsky is expressing what radio, in the Thirties, had become in most people's homes. But his design also functions ingeniously as a structure.

The band — well, the piano, bass and beaming conductor — are behind the cloth circle that in a real radio would have concealed the speaker. Panels right and left serve as swing doors, and the central dial revolves to become foyer, cafeteria and a studio in Radio Building in the heart of New York.

It is Saturday night. America's favourite radio variety show will be going out live in seven minutes, but . . . "We gotta problem," says Bernie Bernstein, the harassed producer, played by Peter Goodwright, whose puffy features bear a marked resemblance to those of President Carter.

Bernie's problem is the disappearance of his star contralto. But help is at hand. Working as a waitress is sweet young Freckles Murray ("I'm at your service, so don't be nervous") and when Blue Woodward, the smooth bandleader, hears her voice in the distance and calls her to his table — ping! goes the piano as their eyes meet.

Their first love song, "Where Have I Seen You Before?", is particularly charming, its lyrics recalling the politely phrased sentiments of Vivian Ellis and composers of that kidney. Philip Glassborow, composer and co-lyricist with Nick McIvor, has created an affectionate pastiche of a typical musical comedy of the period. The trio of Freckles, Blue and Jerry, a comedian, hints at *Singing In The Rain*, and Freckles's instant elevation to stardom follows the plots of shows too numerous to mention. From our film memories comes the acid-tongued (but endearing) secretary, Myrtle — played with relish by Polly March.

The evening ends happily with lovers united on all sides. Elizabeth Counsell's slinky Olga discovers her childhood sweetheart in the programme's sponsor, inventor of Nourishvite ("the meal in a spoon"), jingles for which decorate, if that's the word, the score. A pair of comic gangsters complicate the action after a violin case, containing a gun, is taken by Freckles in mistake for her own, thereby exposing Big Louie (Howard Attfield, good fun) to the scorn of his peers when he pulls a violin on a rival.

The mood is carefree, without social purpose and lacking even a song hailing the popular pull of early radio. The opening scenes could benefit from cutting and speeding, but Angela Hardcastle's production is otherwise neat and pacy, using the two stage levels and an aisle to give a sense of space, rush and panic. David Staller is handsome and laid-back; Danielle Carson makes a charming heroine, trembling with innocence and giving her songs a dewy-eyed sincerity: sweet but not saccharine. The London theatre is dominated by vast, noisy musicals. How pleasant if a show like this could find a place therein, like a perky mammal among dinosaurs.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Double Dutch is dandy

Katie Has Been Drowned
Riverside Studios

LEANING on a superbly nasty purple sink unit, by a lime green door, is a man in a Roman toga and winkle-pickers. This is, apparently, Holland in the Sixties. One might, indeed, imagine this fantastically wacky farce, presented by the innovative Dutch music-theatre ensemble, the Mexican Hound, is someone's hallucination on a trip to Amsterdam.

Katie Has Been Drowned, written, directed and designed by the prodigiously talented Alex van Warmerdam, who also performs in the piece, is a vision of Dutch family life gone weird. The domestic world is not just psychedelic and absurdist, it is also frighteningly insulated and potentially incestuous. The Smalls's house is, we gather, surrounded by dikes and dunes. Jon, Irma and their worryingly pubescent daughter, Kate, live with Cropper, the gardener, in the middle of nowhere. That nowhere, actually, has a bit of everywhere. The neighbours have Irish names, and while Irma's accent sometimes suggests the Australian Outback, Kate has an American twang.

The music, performed by a live band, is itself international, including Irish folk besides country and western. The play, meanwhile, is a unique, crazily successful convergence of styles. It looks like a piece written by Sam Shepard possessed by Ionesco. Cropper is a Pinterseque intruder. Or is this Beckett going Dutch? (boredom; waiting; looking out of the window).

The narrative structure is excitingly, wittily quirky. The action cuts and the band take over, devoting a whole song to narrate Cropper's off-stage approach to pressing the front doorbell.

The piece would not be so funny if it were not for the Dutch accents. Rina Vergano's translation is hilariously unlikely, giving characters who are plainly struggling with English uncommonly eloquent, very British phrases.

All the performances are excellent, most notably Aat Ceelen as the patriarchal, possessive Jon Small, desperately wanting to be looked up to and to lock up his wife and daughter. He stands with his legs splayed and his paunch pulling him forwards, jittering in impotent rage. The set, lighting and superbly tacky Sixties costumes are of equally high standard.

The production goes slack towards the end and the denouement is insufficiently climactic. Some of the jokes are bad but, usually, so bad they come out the other side. Everywhere in the auditorium there were people shaking their heads in disbelief and, simultaneously, uncontrollably shaking with laughter. It's not just an extremely funny play, though. Into the farce and clowning slip images of disastrous marriages and the abuse of women: disturbing moments that linger in the mind.

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The new Phillies playmaker strikes up

A once-great American orchestra fallen on hard times sent for gentle German reinforcements. **Richard Morrison** hears the result



When Wolfgang Sawallisch joined the Philadelphia Orchestra some locals feared they were getting a 70-year-old has-been — but events have proved them wrong

When a top American orchestra acquires a new music director, it makes damn sure the whole town knows about it. "Welcome to Wolfgang Sawallisch," shouted huge banners that hung Broad Street from the Academy of Music to City Hall. "Welcome to Wolfgang Sawallisch," said the official Philadelphia city proclamation, presented to the 70-year-old German maestro by the mayor outside the Academy on Monday.

They stopped the traffic so that hundreds of music-lovers could gather in the street and cheer this touching ceremony. The mayor pronounced the Philadelphia Orchestra to be a cultural treasure in the same class as "the Liberty Bell, the soft pretzel, the Phillies and the Eagles". Sawallisch summoned up Kennedy-like reserves of rhetoric and declared himself to be a Philadelphian.

> He is a musician's musician who believes in playing the notes stylishly

If all this razzmatazz surprised a sophisticated European who has spent the past 20 years discreetly and efficiently directing the Bavarian State Opera in Munich, what followed must have been a total culture-shock. The doors of the venerable Academy were thrown open, and it seemed as if the entire populace of Philadelphia streamed on to the stage where Leopold Stokowski and Eugene Ormandy had transfixed, terrorised and charmed generations of musicians. A television programme chronicling the 93-year history of the orchestra was shown on big screens; and box-office staff took $7,000 worth of bookings for the new concert season in two hours.

Of course, when it comes to mounting an ostentatious parade of civic pride, the Americans have no equals. But Philadelphia has special reasons for making a fuss about the coming of Sawallisch.

One of the most compelling is the need to ensure that its orchestra continues to compete effectively with those fat cats down the road — the New York Philharmonic. Unfortunately for Philadelphia, New York has also appointed a veteran German maestro, Kurt Masur, and he has made a brilliant success of his first season. Comparisons between the two conductors are inevitable, especially as both excel in the central Austro-German repertoire, and Philadelphia is keen that Sawallisch's virtues should not be sidelined by the blitz of Masurmania from the New York publicity machine. More than pride is at stake: recording contracts could hang in the balance.

Yet Sawallisch is a very different character: warmer, more courteous, far less aggressive in rehearsal, a "musician's musician" who believes in playing the notes stylishly, not in imposing too much of his own personality between composer and listener. He also has bags of experience. His 1,200 operatic performances include a mind-boggling total of 32 *Ring* cycles, and his recording career with EMI stretches back four decades.

But the key question is whether Sawallisch has the vigour to revitalise Philadelphia's great orchestral tradition. Walk round the Academy, and ghosts of past glories seem to leap at you from dozens of framed photographs. Living up to these legends is no easy matter, as Sawallisch's immediate predecessor discovered.

Riccardo Muti was expected to galvanise the orchestra, but his 12 years in Philadelphia were increasingly clouded by disappointment. He made little attempt to hide his distaste for many aspects of American life. Players and patrons complained that he was "distant". The rich Philadelphian sound lovingly cultivated by Ormandy — all-powerful strings with lashings of vibrato — was whittled away and, said the critics, rendered practically anonymous. Worst of all, Muti seemed to clamp down on all his Italianate fire, producing symphonic interpretations of stupendous blandness. A fine orchestra languished.

Well, the encouraging sign from Tuesday night's gala concert was that Sawallisch appears to have jolted the band off its auto-pilot. The playing in Brahms's Second Symphony was ardent, full of intelligent detail, and with the kind of big, luscious string tone that must have set the backstage ghosts smiling. And Sawallisch won the hearts of his new fellow citizens by devoting the concert's first half entirely to American music.

Ned Rorem's Whitman-inspired *Eagles*, premiered by this orchestra in 1959, was dusted down and proved to be an evocative piece, colourfully orchestrated, and Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto was given fulsome virtuoso treatment by Itzhak Perlman, who scythed through the fearsome passagework of the last movement as though it were a beginner's exercise.

So, an auspicious musical start to the Sawallisch era. Unfortunately, the most pressing problems in the orchestral world are not usually musical ones. The Philadelphia players, with exquisite timing, are just about to go on strike: they say they are not getting as good a deal as the New York players. No surprises there.

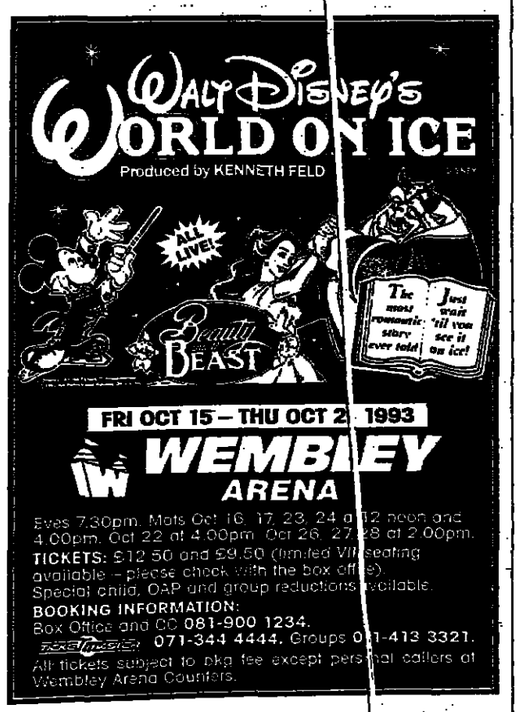
Then the ancient question of the new concert-hall must be resolved. The Academy's gruesome cotton-wool acoustics have been a source of despair for decades. Now a model of the proposed new concert-hall is on display (similar in many ways to Birmingham's Symphony Hall) and Sawallisch talks of leading his orchestra into its new home before the millennium. But whether the recession-hit city can afford to build it remains to be seen.

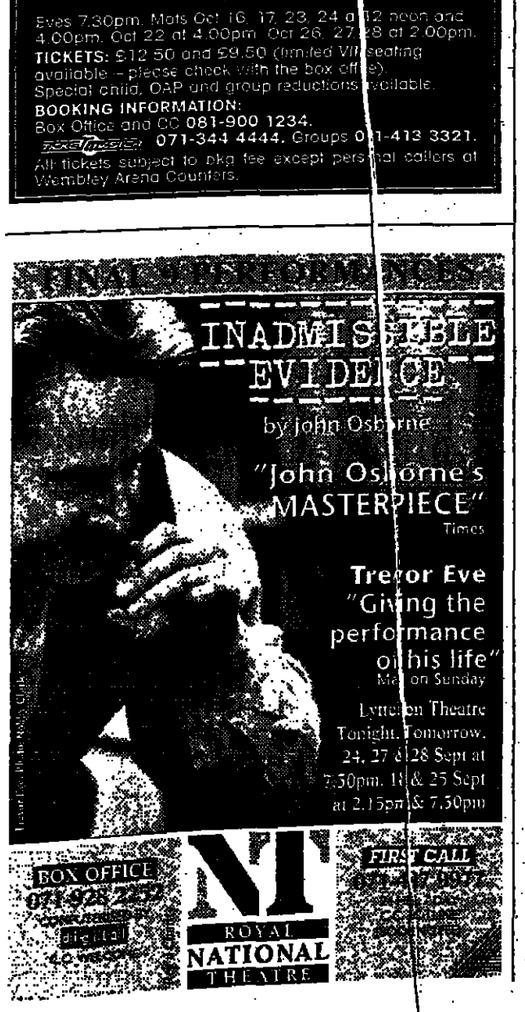
Finally, there is the dilemma that every American orchestra — and British for that matter — must face sooner or later: how to widen the base of a largely middle-class, middle-aged white audience that is slowly dwindling. "I was astonished when I first came to Philadelphia," Sawallisch says. "A city with so many black people, yet so few of them come to the concerts even when there are black soloists or black conductors. We hope to change that and also to work on our youth programme."

As a start, he is conducting a children's concert this week, as well as two performances of Beethoven's Ninth, and playing the piano in a chamber music concert. Some in Philadelphia feared they were getting a burnt-out has-been. Opinions are now being swiftly and radically revised.

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UNFAIR as it may be to compare any conductor with Günter Wand, he sets standards that are all but impossible to emulate. With Wand in charge, you sense that every phrase has been agonised over, every chord carefully weighed. The memory of his accounts of Schumann and Brahms at the Proms haunted me at the opening concert of the English Chamber Orchestra's season on Sunday.

Perhaps the programming was the first mistake: Mozart, Mozart and Mozart. Nothing wrong with the Symphonies Nos 40 and 41, or the Violin Concerto No 5, but it is the kind of unadventurous programme that encourages unimaginative playing. Pinchas Zukerman is no mean conductor to have at the helm, but he scarcely had us hanging on each note.

The last movement of the G minor Symphony and the first of the C (the "Jupiter") fared worst of all. The former was a light-hearted romp rather than the conclusion to one of Mozart's most turbulent works, while the C was set in motion so matter-of-factly that one could be forgiven for thinking this was the end of the season, not the beginning.

In fairness, the orchestral playing was first-rate: articulation in the string department was strong and precise, and there was some elegant shaping of lines from woodwind and brass. But the ECO could have been on auto-pilot, an impression enhanced by the casual stance of Zukerman: slightly turned to one side, weight on one leg, for all the world like Joe Loss.

My heart sinks when I hear the opening phrases of the C's second movement announced like an adagio: "andante" does not mean slow, but moderately paced. Still, Zukerman contrived to sustain an eloquent flow in this movement. Indeed, the extra space he allowed himself at last gave expression to some of the "troubled serenity" (to borrow the musicologist Arnold Whittall's apt phrase about late Mozartian style) so lacking elsewhere.

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MUSICAL DRAMA

The hits keep on coming

Silas Marner
Salisbury Festival

COMPOSER Howard Goodall's credits range from television signature tunes (*Blackadder* is one he acknowledges) to musicals such as the award-winning *The Hired Man*, written in collaboration with Melvyn Bragg. His latest offering, *Silas Marner*, premiered in Wilton Parish Church as part of the Salisbury Festival, harnesses local talent to a limited extent, but is called neither "community opera" nor "musical". Its designation as "musical drama" seems to suggest spoken dialogue, of which there is none. Rather, *Silas* is a curious but undeniably effective hybrid of opera, musical, church parable and even baroque Passion.

What strikes you first about the work is its sheer melodiousness. Goodall manages to turn out one thumping good tune after another, adding his own infectious beat at the keyboard (piano and organ) to that generated by a mere string sextet (the excellent Coull String Quartet with David Smith and Peter Buckoke added). The melodies are strong, singable and hummable, yet never trite. Better still, they do not obscure the lyrics in expressionistic melismas — a lesson not yet learnt by some leading composers writing for the stage.

The lyrics — Goodall's own — rarely sparkle, but at least they were clearly audible: a tribute to both composer and singers. The string accompaniments too are endlessly resourceful: Silas's song about the child he has adopted begins with arabesques on a solo cello (the instrument identified with him), joined eventually by the remaining strings. Lively counterpoints buoy up refrains before you can tire of them, and spicy harmonies (nothing too extreme) are judiciously sprinkled about.

Lyrics and music were powerfully projected by a first-rate cast of classically trained singers, led by Richard Suart as a sympathetic, beardless (and unaging) Silas. The conscience-ridden Godfrey Cass was forcefully sung by John Graham-Hall, and his blackmailing brother Dunstan by a slightly underpowered Philip Guy-Bromley.

Admirable too were Angela Hickey as the worldly wise Dolly Winthrop, Tinuke Olafimihan as the more virtuous Nancy Lammeter, and Gaynor Keeble, who got the only chuckles of the evening with her "I'm ugly" routine as Priscilla. Polly Hewetson as Eppie and Chris Walton as the young Aaron also deserve an honourable mention. An adult choir added occasional commentary in quasi-Passion style, and the chorus of local schoolchildren was so good that it was a shame they were not drawn more into the action. Simon Halsey kept things on the move with his spirited conducting.

A general tightening up of lyrics and stage action could transform an already attractive piece into a winner.

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We're off to see the wizard again

Fans of Dame Iris may be enchanted by this tale of magic and romance in west London, says Victoria Glendinning. Others will find it too much to take

The most loveable character in Iris Murdoch's new novel is a collie dog called Anax. He knows whom he loves and who his God is — his master, the homosexual Bellamy, who has tragically given Anax away as part of his plan to separate himself from all worldly affections. Bellamy thinks, mistakenly, that he will find his own God in a monastery. The best and most original writing in *The Green Knight* describes, from Anax's point of view, the escape from his new home and his instinctive, desperate, exhausting trajectory through London's streets in search of Bellamy.

The humans in the story are also seeking true love and a path to God. At the centre of the story is a family of three teenaged daughters and their widowed mother. Around their house in West London circle two middle-aged brothers, Clement (an actor) and Lucas (a historian). They, like Bellamy and the numerous other, middle-aged characters of both sexes, were all friends of the girls' late father. There is also a young man, Harvey, who hurts his foot early on and limps symbolically throughout.

Lucas (the historian) has apparently killed a mugger with his umbrella, in self-defence. The alleged mugger returns from the dead and, ingratiating himself into the group, breaks the various spells under which they lie paralysed. His interest in them releases passions, aspirations and violent impulses. It is he who sets the ground rules for the duels between good and evil. It is he who is the Green Knight, and also perhaps, the minotaur. His name is Mir, which means both "world" and "peace" in Russian. Exactly what he represents is unclear: perhaps "a sort of instrument of justice, a kind of errant ambiguous moral force, like some unofficial wandering angel".

"What does it all *mean*?" asks Clement, understandably. The world is divided into those who believe that we are ruled by unseen forces, best expressed by metaphors of myth, religion and magic, and those who don't. Murdoch's fictional world is populated by people in the first category. The language of *The Green Knight* is spring-loaded accordingly. The three adolescent girls are called "strange and wonderful", fairy-tale damsels, sacrificial victims, living "under a spell of chastity". Lucas and the Green Knight are "two great rival magicians", "crazy wizards".

Murdoch does not leave it to the reader to infer transcendental significances. Both she and her characters use the words for the concepts, all of the time — angels and monsters, signals and miracles, transformations, metamorphoses, visions and epiphanies, revenges, curses and duels, quests and spells, rituals, ordeals, reconciliations, catastrophes, exaltations, salvation, resurrection. There is some kind of thunderbolt from heaven. Houses, on crucial occasions, are seen as enchanter's palaces, chapels, amphitheatres.

This theatrical heightening is intensified by Murdoch's continuous use of italics for emphasis. Hardly a page, so far as I can see, is without its hectic scattering. Many small pieces of factual information are repeated unnecessarily. These tics, like her copious use of brackets, might have been modified by sensitive editing. God knows it is hard, in a long, complex book, not to develop mannerisms. Another of Murdoch's is to place perfectly ordinary phrases in inverted commas, as in "He 'went shopping' for food." I do not understand the thinking behind it, if there is any.

The Green Knight is a mythic costume drama, with special credit due to the wigs designer. We are told on every important occasion, in detail, what everyone of both sexes is wearing. No one has unremarkable hair. Everyone seems to have an inordinate amount of the stuff, red or dark or fair, "glossy wild locks" or stiff and straight, and repeatedly dwelt upon. Strangely, the only man who has hair cut close to his head is the one accused of wearing a wig.

The action is advanced chiefly by people enquiring after the mysterious activities of the others by telephone, or searching for them by taxi, with periodical dramatic confrontations — sexual or pedagogic or murderous — to notch the tension up a degree or three. Some are known only through their actions, others reveal themselves in prolix interior monologues. Perhaps to remind us that in spite of the metaphysical high jinks we are, actually, in the everyday world, visits to the lavatory are frequently reported. "After all, he is human, Bellamy reverently thought," when it's Mir's turn to disappear into the bathroom.

There is some honest undercutting of the prevailing emotional hysteria. It is suggested that psychiatry can perhaps offer alternative if more prosaic interpretations of events. Three authoritative figures in three separate sections underline for their disciples the hardness, plainness and austerity of true religion, true scholarship and true art. Each of these three gurus fails to live by his own precepts — as, in this particular case, does Murdoch. The romance of myth, and the myth of romance, are as irresistible as the sea. To ask whether *The Green Knight* is good is like asking whether lobster thermidor is good. The chef is a virtuoso, the recipe is classic (in Murdochian terms), the ingredients superior. You will enjoy it enormously if it is the kind of thing that you enjoy. It may make some people throw up.

Myself, I shall leave rather a lot on the side of the plate. What I have consumed, with gratitude, pleasure and profit, are Murdoch's flashes of genius, the moments in which she is absolutely original, like a brilliant child, and therefore touching and funny. That is the voice which enchants the readers of her early, simpler novels, and it can be heard above the oceanic roarings of this late work. The girls' mother, the only thoroughly ordinary person in the book, wonders whether everything might "soon begin to seem like a dream, where incompatible things seem true".

In the dream that is *The Green Knight*, Iris Murdoch's silliness and Iris Murdoch's wisdom are incompatible, yet both seem true.

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Side by side yet separate

BOTH O'Connor and Trevor grew up in Ireland and, in their earliest years, in County Cork. But spiritually, socially and politically, they didn't grow up in the same country. O'Connor was Catholic working-class; Trevor, Protestant middle-class.

Both these collections are mostly about the Ireland of the middle decades of the present century, the period of the maximum social influence of a triumphal Catholic church. Neither cared for that very much. O'Connor's uneasiness with it is that of an insider, with a conscious inclination to be out, and yet a half-irritated attraction to the old ways. Whereas Trevor says: "I was fortunate that my accident of birth actually placed me on the edge of things. I was born into a minority that all my life has seemed in danger of withering away."

O'Connor's stories of priests were found shockingly irreverent and anti-clerical by vocal Catholics in the mid-century. Today his clerical portraits might seem excessively rosy and sentimental. But although there is a lot of fun and endearing oddity in these stories, they are also full of a sense of oppression, not so much from the church as an institution as from the social mores which have grown up around it. These include an obsessive fear of scandal, and thus the need to close ranks and hush-up unpleasant facts. Incest, domestic rape and the abuse of children by father, uncles and priests, topics now openly discussed, were strict taboo in O'Connor's time.

His 1967 story, "An Act of Charity", about the suicide of a young priest under the pressure of loneliness and the scorn of his superiors, reflects the general culture well. The local doctor is adroitly pressurised into providing a certificate of death from natural causes.

Trevor writes in the introduction to his collection of essays: "I became a writer of fiction and began — as all fiction writers do — to refashion the real world to pick over bits and pieces of experience and use anything that was useful. These essays are a small part of what was left behind."

My considerable pleasure in reading these gracefully evocative essays was enhanced by knowing some of the people he writes about. Trevor attended Sanford Park School, Dublin and Trinity College Dublin, as I did too. Thus Trevor writes of a former headmaster of ours, A.J. Cordner, a huge man, whose nickname was "the Bull": "He wasn't one of the great headmasters, indeed he was hardly a headmaster at all. He was a child among adults, even if the adults were sometimes no more than eight years of age. But his naivety was a great deal more refreshing than those qualities of leadership and purpose more ordinarily associated with his profession. He did no harm. No one was frightened when he roared."

Another portrait surprises me, perhaps because we knew the man concerned at different ages of his career. He was the late G.D.P. Allt, co-editor of the variorum Edition of W.B. Yeats, a man of great brilliance, he met an untimely death when he stepped out of the wrong side of a train). Allt was one of Trevor's housemasters at St Columba's College and Trevor remembers him as mildly eccentric and physically forgettable. "His big-gish face was unobtrusively handsome, the kind of looks that fade in the memory because they don't register strongly at the time."

That was the housemaster. I knew the man as an undergraduate. Allt's looks will never fade in my memory, though I didn't think him in the least handsome. He had an enormous head, a high bulging forehead, a great fleshy nose, small piggy eyes, a tight-set mouth and a dominant even obsessive personality.

He was eccentric all right, but not in a mild way in those days. He didn't get any drunker than many of his contemporaries, including me, but he was more dangerous when drunk. On one occasion he threw a heavy ashtray out of my fourth-floor rooms in Trinity into College Green, hitting an elderly woman, who had to be taken to hospital. As the ashtray was wrapped in a labelled sock of mine I was questioned by the police. Allt being elsewhere. (I had a solid alibi, which was lucky.) Trevor remembers him as a housemaster, "drinking a great deal of water". This may have had something to do with the change of personality.

Conor truise O'Brien

EXCURSONS IN THE EAL WOLD
By William Trevor
Hutchinsn, £16.99

THE OLLAR Stories f Irish Prsts
By Fran O'Connor
BlackstaPress, £6.95

Glory that was Delhi

Through the millennia Delhi has been the site of eight separate cities, most long since gone. Today, to the outsider's eye, there appear to be four different cities — Mogul, British, post-partition and slum. Giant mental steps have to be taken to cross the fault-lines between their different worlds.

In his ambitious portrait of this many-sided city, William Dalrymple describes old Delhi, past and present, in glowing terms. He pieces together the glory and excesses of Muslim rulers during their 800-year presence from decaying monuments, records and travellers' reports. Wandering through the sadly declining splendour of Shah Jahan's 17th-century city, one of the grandest cities of the Orient in its day, he encounters some of the unique inhabitants who have survived — eunuchs, Mogul descendants, Sufis, *kabooter baz* (pigeon fanciers) and medicine *hakims*. But they are only a remnant. "Today Old Delhi is nothing but a dustbin . . . only the poor man who has no shelter comes to live here. All the learning, all the manners have gone," remarks one old Delhi wallah.

The Indian-British relationship, always tricky, is sensitively treated. Dalrymple compares Lutyens's Delhi, built to let the Indian see "the power of Western civilisation" to Hitler's Nuremberg, its monstrous, almost megalomaniac scale echoing something fascist or even Nazi. It certainly sits incongruously in the metropolis, a mausoleum to yet another departed ruler and an impractical headquarters for the present government.

Dalrymple brings alive some colourful British personalities. The exploits of the adventurer William Fraser, his brothers and their contemporary James Skinner, the founder of Skinner's Horse, reveal the gradual hardening of social relations between the Indians and British. Such ambiguities also come out in the bitter-sweet memories of aging Anglo-Indians who have remained in Delhi.



Small traders struggle to survive in New Delhi, hub of the city

Praveen Moman

CITY OF DJINNS: A Year in Delhi
By William Dalrymple
HarperCollins, £16.99

The author is nostalgic about Old Delhi and, like many, laments its decline. This sentiment is understandable: its past grandeur has more appeal than the free-for-all-India of the present. However, its decline has less to do with the emigration of Muslim families, as Dalrymple believes, than the draining of power following the British defeat of the Moguls in 1857. The social revolution unleashed by partition accelerated the process: Western values and democratic pressures have undermined the feudal and refined *durbari* (imperial court) ways.

In common with all the old cities of Pakistan and India, population pressures have focused attention on provision of mass facilities in new areas. The bulk of Delhi today consists of the tackily built post-partition area of New Delhi where the middle-class struggles to survive. This is now the hub of the city, with its Punjabi *nouveaux arrivés*, its scheming politicians, and middle-rank employees. However, except for engaging, if slightly cheap, caricatures of people such as the author's Sikh landlady and driver, there is no serious assessment of its inhabitants' lives. The shallowness of the Punjabi businessmen may be off-putting, but no portrait of the city can be complete without recognising their contribution. Indeed, maybe Old Delhi will one day rise again, thanks to the wealth produced by the despised Punjabi merchant.

As with all personal souvenirs, Dalrymple's Delhi is idiosyncratic. Written in gushing, excited Enid Blyton prose, we follow the intrepid William and his wife Olivia (who provides the illustrations), dashing breathlessly to pursue the next clue. This enthusiasm can be infectious, we enjoy his tales of obsessive bureaucracy, and crazy social life. But for all its fascination, the mass of disjointed material does not add up to either a series of coherent impressions or a serious historical work. The *djinns*, or spirits, of the city have tantalised him with their knowledge, but in the end have not lifted the purdah on many of their secrets.

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Birth, death and revolution

Christina Koning

HOME
By Ronald Harwood
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.99

Most of the ingredients of the blockbuster saga are to be found in Ronald Harwoods's first book for 15 years: international settings (London, Hamburg, Cape Town, Paris and New York), stereotypical characters and a tendency to condense whole eras into a single paragraph. The novel's plot, which seems to have been recycled from a number of different sources ranging from *War and Peace* to *The Winds of War*, is allegedly based on real events involving the author's family and that of his wife. But of course real events, however exotic, do not necessarily make good fiction.

The novel opens with the arrival at her family's ancestral mansion of Natalya Stepanova, an Englishwoman of Russian descent, and her husband, Harrison Wilde, a playwright whose family, of Russian Jewish extraction, have settled in South Africa. It is 1983, before *glasnost*, and the mansion, Sobliki, is now a museum run by the local soviet.

Struck by the ironies of the situation, Harrison is moved to reflect on the series of improbable circumstances which has brought together two families (his wife's and his own) so widely separated in background. These reflections provide the material for the rest of the book, which is divided in sections, each describing a crucial stage in the history of one or other of the families.

Thus, the opening chapter deals with the flight from Russian 1911 of the Wildnowitz family, *wading slaughter at the hands of the tsar's* soldiers; the action moves to the royal palace in Warsaw, where, at the same point in time, the aristocratic Sobeievs are doing the things that aristocratic Russians do: riding, going to the opera, and committing suicide. Latersections depict the Wildnowitzes in Cape Town during the 1920s, where they establish themselves in business; other, less fortunate, members of the family remain behind in Europe and (with the dizzying speed with which all such sagas move) are caught up in the Holocaust.

Meanwhile, the Sobelevs, having narrowly escaped being murdered by vengeful *apparatchiks* during the Russian revolution, have settled in Paris, where, it seems, they barely have time to draw their breath before the Gestapo arrive.

So the narrative goes on, taking in wars, revolutions and of course *the usual raft of births, deaths and* marriages without which no book of this kind would be complete. The final effect of telescoping 80 years of 20th-century history into 350 pages is to blur the distinctions between historical and personal events, so that both seem equally unreal.

Call of the wild

One of the enduring archetypes of literature is the "wolf-child", someone raised outside the boundaries and bounds of society who returns to haunt or educate it. *Egon* is the story of a traumatic event in the life of such an *enfant sauvage*. Its German background owes something to the enigma of Kaspar Hauser, an inspiration to poets and film makers for more than a hundred years.

Adelheid von der Schulenburg

EGON
By Carey Harrison
Heinemann, £14.99

The Kaspar Hauser mystery depends on not knowing who his father was. By contrast, Egon discovers his parentage. His secret lies in what happened to him in the wilderness.

Egon is revealed as the son of a count who was a conspirator in the 1944 plot against Hitler. Because the eastern German woods are a convincing place to escape to and remain hidden away, the archetype is brought up to date and made to serve Carey Harrison's interest in the fault-lines of personality. And as this exciting book shows, the old stories are often the best ones.

Much of the book is set in the English boarding school to which the wolf-child Egon has been sent in the early fifties. His is a tale of two uncles on the English side of his family. Uncle Richard, who rescued him from the forest, starts as a romantic and ends disreputably: he makes pornographic films in the red-light district of Hamburg. Uncle Alec who sends him to school, is the Tory MP for Liskeard in Cornwall, an altogether more conventional soul.

This suits another of Harrison's purposes, for *Egon* is the third of a four-volume sequence called "To Liskeard", which the publishers describe as a kind of modern day *Canterbury Tales*. Besides Egon himself, however, the most important character is his headmaster, the Rev John Hanbury. He is fascinated by his charge and senses the presence of mystery; the child does not talk of life in the forest. Hanbury's interest becomes obsessional. He is a detective exploring a psychological whodunnit, a historian on the track of some great determining event.

Described as "greedy for other people's suffering", he may even be in love. As more and more cracks appear in the shell of Egon's personality, Hanbury starts to suffer them vicariously. His saving grace is his self-knowledge and genuine sympathy for the boy who is drawn back to the wild in order to resolve his childhood trauma. Events at the school take a dramatic turn, so unexpected and exciting that the book reads like the best kind of thriller.

All the fun of the fair

Tania Glyde

MY IDEA OF JUN
By Will Sell
Bloomsbury, £12.99



Will Self: vastly entertaining

Another serial killer. Oh good! Lots of urban ennui and excoriation of the average citizen and his or her attendant bourgeois values. By placing the suit-wearing narrator's decapitation of a tramp and subsequent sexual intercourse with his severed neck on the second page of his first full-length novel, Will Self risks much with the feelings of the violence-sated reader.

But no one need worry. This is not that kind of book at all, at least for the most part. *My Idea of Fun* is vastly entertaining, a perfect follow-up to his collection of short stories, *Quantity Theory of Insanity* and the novellas, *Cock and Bull*.

Self's narrator is Lower-middle class marketing consultant, Ian Wharton, son of a social climbing mother with a caravan park in Sussex, and a weak and absent father. One day, when Ian is a boy, a Mr Broadhurst arrives with his caravan. A magnetic character, this visitor also likes to be known as The Fat Controller, and has other strange sobriquets such as Brahmin of the Banal.

Ian proves highly susceptible to this overweight Svengali, each of whose buttocks is the size of a beer drinker's gut, and through him begins to develop special powers. The cure of Ian's adolescent acne with a face pack of his own sperm is the first of many benefits; causing the death of irritating people is far more fun.

Of course, Ian must pay a price for all this. He leaves home and goes to London. Once he has tasted a little freedom from his mentor he yearns for a normal existence and, in his frustration, seeks the help of a psychologist, the hirsute Dr Gyggle. Then Ian's troubles really begin. Self drags the reader through a lurid intellectual fairground of grotesque, vile and hilarious images, couched in luxuriant vocabulary.

Paul Barker is gripped by a life of the mineworkers' messianic leader, who led his union to disaster in the name of the class struggle

The Morris Cerullo of Marxism

SCARGILL
The Unauthorised Biography
By Paul Routledge
HarperCollins, £16.99

Arthur Scargill is still referred to by his first name, half-affectionately, even by those who profess to hate him. It is as if he were a favourite comedian, whatever his misdeeds. Perhaps Ian MacGregor, as head of British Coal, put his finger on it: "He really is in the wrong business. He should be on the stage. He would make a great living as an actor or an entertainer."

Time and again, in Paul Routledge's absorbing "unauthorised" biography, it emerges how awkward Scargill is among groups of individuals. He has few friends. He needs an audience: "He comes alive in front of a sea of undifferentiated faces." According to a fellow union activist: "He had an emptiness in him." An actor fills that vacuum with the parts he plays; A dictator fills it with his demagogy.

The most fascinating pages delve into Scargill's childhood. He was a classic mother's boy, it seems. Her love was everything. He was not bright at school. He claims he deliberately did not sit the 11-plus because grammar school was the place for class traitors. But even at his secondary modern, he was in the B-stream. The odds are that he either failed the exam or feared he would, and the story he puts round is an early example of the conclusion reached by a man who knew him very well: "Everything's a myth with Scargill, everything." Scargill's mother died when he was only 18, and he quickly turned to the pursuit of power.

Power apparently became a substitute for love: from his supporters he demanded worship. And he got it because so many older miners had taken their redundancy money and run. His young acolytes in the great strike of 1984-85 sang football songs as they followed him to disaster. "The greatest achievement is the struggle itself": this is Scargill's creed.

Routledge comes from a mining town, and has spent much of his journalistic career keeping track of coal disputes. He is trying to pin down the enigma of a man who is, at one level, extremely well-known, but at another level a complete mystery. He starts out with some sympathy, but he ends his "voyage


Arthur Scargill: a mother's boy

of disillusion" in exasperation with the leader whose self-obsession took the miners up a cul-de-sac.

For Scargill, picketing the Saltley coke depot in Birmingham in 1972 was "the greatest day of my life". Its televised images helped catapult the young branch secretary into the NUM presidency. It led many on the left, including Scargill, to think that, with one more heave (or perhaps two), socialism would take command. But the victory was a delusion. Those who wanted to teach the miners no end of a lesson regrouped. The right's ablest strategist, Nicholas Ridley, remarked (correctly) that Scargill's long-meditated big strike "was closer to a revolution than a strike". The state accepted the challenge, and won.

This well-told book is perhaps weakest when it is most journalistic — as when it re-examines what Scargill did or didn't do with Libyan money. NUM presidents have always got up to funny things. Nor can Routledge, as he acknowledges, pin down what the real story is. Surprisingly, he does not confront the likelihood that the secret services were involved in dishing some of the dirt. (MI5 would not have been doing its job in 1984-85 unless it had had someone in place in Scargill's fortress-like HQ.

The most tantalising question, even after Routledge's research, is Scargill's relationship with the semi-clandestine Communist party. His mother was religious and non-political. But his father was a party member, and Scargill became a young communist. All his career, he was surrounded and encouraged by party members. No *apparatchik* could have spoken more crassly about Polish Solidarity. He always denied continued party membership, but the suspicion must be that he only went off the formal party list because, otherwise, he might never have climbed to power in the conservative Yorkshire NUM of his early days.

Routledge compares him, plausibly, to a revivalist preacher. He expects total submission from adherents. When he temporarily found new allies among the middle classes last autumn after Mr Heseltine's mishandled mine closures announcement, he demanded too much of them. More worried about their own jobs than the miners', they abandoned Scargill, and left him with his halo of self-generated glory, among a dwindling band of the faithful.

This is an unputdownable story that would be comic if it were not (for miners) so sad. The child was father to an emotionally crippled man. Power, in the end, can't buy you love.

Life among the U set

SCARGILL
The Unauthorised Biography
By Paul Routledge
HarperCollins, £16.99

Hugh Thomas

THE LETTERS OF NANCY MITFORD
Edited by Charlotte Mosley
Hodder & Stoughton, £20

I once met a charming Mr Churchill, who lived in the South of France. He had had the novels of Nancy Mitford bound into one book. He read the volume through and, when he finished, he began again. He had no other reading matter. If he is still alive, he will add Charlotte Mosley's sparkling edition of the author's letters to his economical table. Other readers will be tempted to follow his example. I am myself.

For Nancy Mitford was a great wit, consumed by the pursuit of learning as well as of love. Her two best novels will surely live a long time. They will date no more than Restoration plays do, out of fashion in one generation but back in it the next, quoted to show what England was like in the last years of the empire. The characters may seem surrealistically snobbish, but no more so than those of, say, Congreve.

This collection of letters much enhances Nancy Mitford's reputation. The editor discounts any desire to supplant the two existing lives of the author. All the same, she has really written a "life and letters", the introductory essays to each section of the life being deft, and the letters both amusing and moving. The amusement was predictable, even if the wonderful flow of jokes, entertaining turns of phrase and original lights thrown on people or events is far richer than even Nancy Mitford's friends may have anticipated.

There was, however, a serious side to Nancy Mitford, since she considered her writing the most important thing in her life. Many of the best letters here, to Evelyn Waugh and Raymond Mortimer, are about her work.

There are also numerous sad letters to Gaston Palewski, with whom Nancy was in love. Palewski, *chef de cabinet*, minister, and ambassador of De Gaulle, was a man for whom marriage was "*une terre promise vers laquelle on se promène lentement*". He did not marry (someone else) till he was 67.

Finally, there are many brave, distressing letters as Nancy died slowly from Hodgkins disease between 1968 and 1973. It is moving to see how she completed in those years her life of Frederick the Great, whom she felt able to treat as a Frenchman, and how she enlivened her last hours reading even more, finding Gibbon especially satisfying when in pain.

It is the combination of moods expressed as well as the tales of two cities, which makes this collection so interesting and even unique.

It was chiefly because of her attachment to Palewski that Nancy Mitford, enriched by the phenomenal success of *The Pursit of Love*, went to live in Paris after the war. That in turn created her life as a letter-writer, since it was by post that she kept in touch with her varied relations and friends left behind in dull old Blighty. Both Harold Acton and Selina Hastings, in their fine books, left the impression that, because of Palewski's incorrigible philandering and lack of commitment, Nancy lived unhappily throughout the 1950s.

Certainly in respect of requited love her life was unfulfilled. But perhaps Nancy was doomed to be unfortunate in her choice of men: Hamish Erskine, her first fiancé, was a homosexual, her husband, Peter Rodd a rake (though she always insisted "not nobody"), and her only recorded minor affair, with a Free French officer in the war, led to an operation which left her unable to have the children she very much desired (when informed of this operation, Nancy Mitford's mother, Lady Redesdale, was unruffled; she thought that women had as many ovaries as sturgeons have caviar).

But the letters suggest that, Palewski or no, life in the Rue Minsier — where Nancy had a charming house for about 20 years from 1947 to 1967 — was, anyway, nearly as delightful as it seemed. Bertrand Russell, a distant relation, asked her in 1952 if she was happy. "Perfectly happy from morning to night," was her reply. "Good gracious," said Russell, "you're the first person I've ever met who said that."


Nancy Mitford aged 30, pictured in 1934 at Rose Cottage, Strand-on-the-Green, soon after marrying Peter Rodd

Charlotte Mosley is a splendid editor. The tone of her linking paragraphs assures us that she showed good judgement as to what to include and to what to leave out.

Some of the letters are sharp even about the sisters on whom Nancy relied so much. But the great contribution of the collection is the way it brings back the atmosphere at the Rue Monsieur, windows on both courtyard and garden, jokes about Cyril Connolly and the regent Orleans (of whom Nancy would talk as if they were contemporaries), remorseless teasing of Americans, high gossip about a new French government, hand stoking of the prominent *poêle* (symbolic of Nancy's frugal frame of mind), and exquisite lunches prepared by the resourceful and pious Marie.

The book will leave most readers (apart from those from the United States) regretting that they did not know all the author's correspondents, particularly Violet Hammersley, "the Widow", whose pessimism was a foil to Nancy's view that life usually appears in "a rosy light". "Somehow, one rather hoped they would be unhappy", a remark made abut a newly married couple, was Mrs Hammersley's best-remembered expression. Only those who hoped the same of Nancy herself (there were some) will be disappointed by this marvellous book.

Helpers of womankind

A PRICE BELOW RUBIES
Jewish Women as Rebels and Radicals
By Naomi Shepherd
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25

Julia Neuberger

Beside my grandmother's chair there used to be a framed block of German stamps depicting the dignified, somewhat imperiously held, head of Bertha Pappenheim: the caption read *Helfer der Menschheit*, or *helper of mankind*. Pappenheim, my grandmother's heroine, is one of the women portrayed in Naomi Shepherd's fine cameo biographies of radical and rebellious Jewish women. An unpaid social worker, she worked among prostitutes, campaigning for an end to the white slave traffic.

An unlikely character, traditional Jewess and feminist combined, Pappenheim was enraged by prevailing Jewish attitudes to women and described the passage from the Book of Proverbs "Who can find a perfect woman? for her price is far above rubies", which a Jewish husband traditionally says to his wife on the sabbath, as "a lovesong with gefilte fish". She was also Freud's original Anna O., the deeply disturbed and extraordinarily talented young woman, whom Ernest Jones, in his biography of Freud, described as "the real discoverer of the cathartic method".

The Jewish authorities feared and hated her, believing that any publicity about considerable Jewish involvement in prostitution would release even more anti-Semitism. But Pappenheim regarded it as a moral crusade. She founded a German Jewish women's organisation which campaigned to get women into senior positions in Jewish life.

Shepherd also records the lives of Rose Pesotta, a committed American trade unionist, who arrived in the US in 1913; Esther Frumkin, leader of the Bund — the Jewish socialists; and the well-known Rosa Luxemburg. But many of the women Shepherd writes about in this impeccably researched and beautifully written volume have been hidden from history. Beta Kaminskaya, for example, was educated in Switzerland until the Tsarist government ordered students home in 1873. She infiltrated factories in the Moscow area disguised as a peasant. With her comrades, she formed a revolutionary organisation containing both intellectuals and workers, and was imprisoned in 1875. Kaminskaya never faced trial. Sinking into a clinical depression in jail, she was released into the care of her father, and eventually committed suicide.

Anna Kuliscioff became the lifelong companion of Filippo Turati, leader of the Italian socialists. When she died large crowds followed her cortège to the cemetery, and were attacked by Fascist thugs.

The question Shepherd poses is why these women reacted so strongly to their Jewish background (many barely mentioned it and certainly never campaigned on behalf of other Jews), and why their revolutionary zeal was so much greater than that of their male counterparts. She suggests it was a double rebellion — against the place of the Jewish women as much as against the conventions and oppression of their time, and that it was the combination which fired them.

In a romantic tradition

HENRY MOORE:
An Interpretation
By Peter Fuller
Edited by Anthony O'Hear
Methuen, £16

J.W.M. Thompson



For some years before his untimely death the critic Peter Fuller had been a thoughtful and admiring student of the work of Henry Moore. This was consistent with his talent for moving against the tide of fashion, for by the time Fuller had reached the conclusion that Moore was the last great master of the English romantic tradition, elsewhere Moore's reputation was under serious attack.

The charges against him ranged from the feminist accusation that he perpetuated "stereotypes of women" to weightier complaints that his sculpture was culpably irrelevant to the modern world. But Fuller had perceived the central truths about Moore, the man as well as the artist, and revered him accordingly.

The popular view of Moore is that he was an arch-modernist. Fuller advances precisely the opposite interpretation. He sees that much of Moore's achievement was in fact realised against the grain of modernity: that, far from being a pillar of the modern movement, he was in many ways profoundly anti-modern. When Fuller writes of Moore's "grand refusal" of modernism (which, by Pevsner's definition, involved "faith in science and technology, in social science and rational planning and the romantic faith in speed and the roar of machines") he has in mind, among other things, the eternal themes in Moore's major works — the human figure, mothers and children, the English landscape.


Henry Moore in Sept 1960

Evidently Moore came to be as significant a figure for Fuller as Turner was for Ruskin, and his appraisal of Moore's art is buttressed by shrewd insights into the man himself. Moore was, in his life as in his art, far from being a modernist in the Pevsnerian sense. He believed that art had taken a wrong turning in this century (as, of course, did Fuller) and I can recall many conversations in which he maintained, often with heat, that architects in particular (the chief exponents of the modern movement, after all) had in his lifetime failed society most dismally.

Revealingly, for his own way of life he chose domestic stability in an old house in a small village. The woodland and pasture which surrounded him there gave him great satisfaction and he hated to see the countryside "modernised". Unlike those modern sculptors who merely arrange meaningless objects to form their works of art, he attached high importance to traditional skills, whether drawing, or carving, or modelling. It delighted him to obtain marble from the very Tuscan quarry that had supplied Michelangelo.

O'Hear has deftly assembled this book from the drafts and published writings which Fuller was transforming into a monograph at the time of his death. "Moore embodied a vision, a vision of man in relation to nature": Fuller's object was to capture that vision. If he had survived that car crash in 1990 he would have developed his theme more thoroughly, but this refreshingly sane polemic is nevertheless a powerful contribution to the reassessment which naturally follows the death of any great artist.

Roots of civil war

INSIDE HITLER'S GREECE
The Experience of Occupation, 1941-44
By Mark Mazower
Yale University Press, £19.95

Mark Almond

THE GREEKS had no sea to protect them from the Wehrmacht in the spring of 1941, and even the Aegean islands and Crete were quickly stormed. In Athens and Epirus, German conquest produced many of the same phenomena — both heroic and disgraceful — as were witnessed in Paris or Prague, or among the pig-farmers of Jutland, not to mention King George VI's subjects in the Channel Islands.

Mark Mazower's fascinating book describes the everyday reality and terrible cost of occupation in enthralling detail. He succeeds in getting under the skin of the occupation. Everything is here from the high policy of the Germans (and the squabbles between different branches of Nazi power) through to the sardonic commentary of the graffiti artists of Athens.

However ferocious the Germans were when persecuting local Jews or executing hostages, in all probability what really antagonised ordinary Greeks was their venality. The occupying forces used their untrammelled authority to profiteer. Everyone associated with them did much the same. In places like Salonika with its large Jewish population, the combination of genocide and pilfering gave off the most repugnant odour imaginable.

The contrast between the Germans, their erstwhile Italian allies and their local hangers-on on the one hand, and the resisters on the other was stark. However much chance and unpredictable factors turned unlikely individuals into heroes, there was certainly little profit in risking one's life against the all-conquering Germans. Even after the German withdrawal from Greece, not even the members of the non-Communist resistance movement (EDES) were notably well rewarded, and the *andartes* of the Communist-led forces (ELAS) were hounded by the restored royal regime with the aid of the old collaborators, as Mazower shows.

WHEREAS the men of EDES showed many of the rumbustious traits of Balkan guerrillas over the centuries, the *andartes* combined atheism with a ferocious puritanism, essential to their esprit de corps, but which involved imposing rigorous discipline on the liberated areas too. When local people would not side with them, they were ready to use ruthless means to make them choose resistance.

As elsewhere in the Balkans, and in practice throughout much of occupied Europe, what happened in Greece was as much a civil war ignited by the hardships and humiliations of occupation as a straightforward struggle against a foreign invader. Mazower shows how the post-war civil war grew to a great extent out of the wartime polarisation.

The British, often in ignorance of wartime allegiances, allied themselves with the side which included those most tarnished by collaboration with the Germans.

It is easy to feel distaste at the abetting of the victory of a regime dominated by sleazy black marketeers and their "respectable" cousins, but would life really have been better for most Greeks if the communists had won the civil war? The experience of their northern neighbours suggests definitely not. But anyone wanting to understand why the radical left had such an appeal in Greece after 1944 should read this book. It conjures up, in vivid detail, life under an occupation that had shattered old certainties and replaced them with painful choices, cynical compromises and hopes undercut by the daily death toll.

Mark Almond's book about Yugoslavia, Europe's Backyard War, will be published by Heinemann shortly.

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Sports psychologist helps former world No 1 regain confidence

New Woosnam packs punch in fiery style of old

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

PARIS in the springtime is one thing; Paris in the drab, damp colours of autumn quite another. And it was not just that it was raining heavily as the golfers gathered for the Lancôme Trophy, near Versailles, yesterday. As they made their way towards the famous Saint-Nom-la-Bretèche course, they were confronted by police motorcyclists leading more than 40 tractors in single file.

The French farmers were revolting — not for the first time. They were beefing about something or other this time last year as well. "*Non au Gatt*," one sign said. "*Non au chômage*," another said. "*Non aux jachères*," a third said. None, as far as could be seen, said: "*Non au golf*."

It is as well that Ian Woosnam was not inconvenienced in any way because, as a result of working with Dr John Allsopp, a sports psychologist, he has gone back to being his old combustible self. "I tried to get away from the boozy Woosie image I had and it wasn't working," he said. "John explained to me that it wasn't me, that I should revert to being myself. So now if I want to punch somebody, I punch 'em. He has encouraged me to let it all come out."

It was in July that Woosnam teamed up with Allsopp, who is also helping Peter Baker and Gordon Brand Jr to cope with their mental problems and is obviously good at it. They have won three tournaments since the beginning of June and Woosnam's form has improved lately, too. His past finishes have been fourth, second, first and joint sixth.

It is surprising that Woosnam, who appears so cocky and confident, has had to call in a psychologist. "I always thought I was mentally strong," he said. "The trouble was that one day I was so good, the next so bad. My confidence fell."

His best year was 1987, when he captured five tournaments in Europe and became the first man to win more than £1 million in prize-money in a season. He could do no wrong. He won the Lancôme, played over a different course, with a staggering total of 24 under par, and flew to Muirfield Village on a high to represent Europe in the Ryder Cup.

After captaining Europe to an historic first victory in the United States, Tony Jacklin said of the Welshman: "Look at his titchy little feet. He can't walk down the fairway fast enough. What a great bloke he is."

Since then, Woosnam's form has fluctuated and the uncertainties of it all had begun to worry him. He began to feel the pressure. "People who don't know anything about golf were giving me advice, that sort of thing," he said.

"I'm buying a house in Jersey, selling a house in Oswestry. Am I getting the right price for one, paying the right price for the other? I didn't think these sort of things were affecting me but John says they were.

"He has showed me how to work them out. He is trying to get me back to the level I was when I was world No 1. He says that if I can get my attitude to where my golf is, then I could be unbeatable."

Victory in Paris this week would underline that the change in Woosnam's thinking was working. Victory in his singles in the Ryder Cup on Sunday week would confirm it. He has lost his five Ryder Cup singles matches.

The reason behind such a poor record, he feels, is that he has been putting too much pressure on himself by thinking of how he must win to help his team-mates. Thus, he has been unable to play as well in the Ryder Cup as he has when representing himself, like in the World Match Play Championship.

"I'm just going to play for myself now, my personal pride," he said.

☐ Laura Davies chases back-to-back victories when she defends her title in the BMW Italian Open, which begins at Lignano, near Venice, tomorrow.

Davies, winner of the English Open two weeks ago, has won the Italian crown three times since 1987 and another success would help her capture the Spalding Order of Merit for a record fourth time.

She is £13,815 behind Karen Lunn, the British Open champion, from Australia, who leads with £66,266 from five tournaments this season. Lunn is not playing in the French Open, the last of two remaining tournaments, next month and if Davies can take the £15,750 winner's cheque this week, she will overtake her.

Lora Fairclough, from Lancashire, Federica Dassu, of Italy, and the Australian pair, Corinne Dibnah and Mardi Lunn, are other winners of European titles this year among the 89-strong field.

IAN STEWART



Woosnam is adopting a more individual approach to the Ryder Cup

SPORT IN BRIEF

England left to play for minor places

ENGLAND played their best game so far in the men's Junior World Cup hockey tournament when drawing 1-1 with Germany in Terrassa, Spain, yesterday but will still be playing off for fifth to eighth places (Sydney Friskin writes).

This fast and furious game could have gone either way as both sides missed chances. All five matches between them this season have been drawn and each side seemed to know what the other was going to do. The England attack looked more resolute with better support from behind from Waugh, Wyatt and Sutton. Mason again distinguished himself in goal with a succession of superb saves.

A short corner to England in the third minute gave way to another and from the scramble that followed, Conway put England ahead. Bjorn Michel equalised from a short corner in the twentieth minute. England settled into third place in pool A behind Germany and Holland. After overcoming easy opposition from Cuba, Egypt and Malaysia, they floundered when the pressure was on.

Cook at crossroads

BOXING: James Cook, the former British and European super-middleweight champion, meet Fidel Castro Smith, of Sheffield, for the British title at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre tonight (Srikumar Sen writes). If Cook, 34, wins he will join the lengthening queue of British super-middleweight challengers for a world title of one kind or another. If he loses, he could retire. Cook, who has been knocked out five times inside five rounds, has disposed of Errol Christie, Brian Schumacher, Frank Winterstein, Mark Kaylor and Tarmo Uufivirja inside the distance. But he will almost certainly have to go all the way to defeat Smith.

Middlesex take title

BOWLS: Pat Launders, Jean Staples, Robin Bellion and Garry Little, from Middlesex, won the Liverpool Victoria Cancer Research All England mixed fours championship at Norwich yesterday, beating a Warwickshire four, skipped by Cliff Jones, 28-16, in the final. The Cambridge Park four led 9-7 after seven ends but dominated the middle of the game, scoring 14 shots without reply in a spell of five ends to lead 23-9. Middlesex beat a Hampshire four, skipped by Ian White, 26-9, in the semi-final, and Warwickshire overcame a strong Hertfordshire four, skipped by Andrew Briden, 21-12.

Peugeot makes plans

MOTOR RACING: Peugeot, the French car manufacturer, announced yesterday it would enter Formula One racing next year by building a V10 engine for a team to be announced soon. The French sports newspaper, *L'Equipe*, said Peugeot would probably join forces with the Larrouse team. Peugeot, already involved in motor rallying and in sports car racing, said in a statement that recent decisions by the world governing body, Fisa, made it worthwhile to enter the championship. Automobiles Peugeot is a unit of PSA Peugeot Citroën, France's biggest privately owned car company.

Operation for Watson

BOXING: Michael Watson will undergo another brain operation in his struggle to overcome the injuries sustained in the WBO super-middleweight championship contest against Chris Eubank two years ago. The operation involves relieving the pressure of fluid building up in Watson's brain. The surgeon, Peter Hamlyn, says Watson's rate of progress has slowed in the past few months. He admitted the operation involves an element of risk. "Michael knows the risks and is determined to do everything he can to give himself the best chance of as full a recovery as possible," he said.

Budweiser make deal

BASKETBALL: *An American beer has succeeded a Danish* lager as the sponsor of British basketball. Budweiser announced yesterday a three-year, £1 million deal that begins tomorrow with the start of the season. Last season brought the end of Carlsberg's eight-year involvement. Budweiser's entry was welcomed by the league chairman, Kevin Routledge, who said: "Budweiser are committed to the growth of the sport and will be working with us closely to spread the word and ensure that the basketball boom is sustained and strengthened."

Gifford boosts morale while Leng enjoys romances



Davidson: second

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

KRISTINA Gifford, the winner of the individual silver medal at the European three-day event championships in Germany last week, heads a formidable list of entries for the Blenheim Audi Horse Trials in Oxfordshire, which begin today. She rides the relatively inexperienced Midnight Blue II.

The three-star event has attracted virtually every leader. The British, in need of a morale-booster after the failure of their teams both at Burghley and in Germany, should have some compensation this weekend.

Virginia Leng, who was seventh in Germany, is riding the promising Welton Romance. Ian Stark, the former European champion, has his Badminton prospect, Stanwick Ghost, and Pippa Nolan, a former national champion, competes with her Bramham winner, Metronome.

The foreign entry is the strongest in the four-year history of the event. Blenheim is one of the last events for riders chasing points in the Land Rover World Rider Rankings, which has a £10,000 first prize, and seven of the leading ten riders are competing.

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, the leader, and Bruce Davidson, of the United States, who is lying second, both compete.

Nicholson, who won Blenheim in 1991 and was runner-up at the inaugural event the previous year, is riding the nine-year-old Ferndale Charlie Brown. Davidson, a dual world champion, rides Squelch, a seven-year-old on which he had an impressive win at Dauntsey this summer.

Other riders in the top ten include Marina Loheit, of Germany, and Mark Todd, New Zealand's dual Olympic champion. Loheit, 25, a former pupil of Alison Oliver, has one of the most experienced horses in the field in Sundance Kid, her reserve horse for the European championships. Most of the other international competitors are riding their young, less experienced horses. The Blenheim course is an inviting but technical one that makes it an ideal stepping-stone to the four-star events of Burghley and Badminton.

Leng, competing in her last event before her marriage to Michael Elliot, a Gloucestershire farmer, next month, has a similar outlook with Welton Romance. The seven-year-old mare, by Welton Louis, was scheduled to compete in Saumur in May but was withdrawn after he knocked a fetlock. Since then he has impressed both at Gatcombe and Thirlestane.

Leng has a high regard for Blenheim. It was at the inaugural event in 1990 that her present top horse, Welton Houdini, started his international career. They were fourteenth. This year Houdini won Badminton and, in Germany last week, was on his way to giving Leng her fourth European individual title until incurring 20 jumping penalties on the steeplechase — after being distracted by the cheering crowds.

Land Rover FEI world rider rankings: 1, A Nicholson (NZ), 271pts; 2, B Davidson (US), 225; 3, M Loheit (Ger), 210; 4, A Hermann (Swe), 182; 5 V Latta (NZ), 177; 6 M-C Duroy (Fr), 170; 7, K Gifford (GB), 165.

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Braves two steps ahead of Giants

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

TOM Glavine pitched the Atlanta Braves to a 10-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday for his nineteenth win of the season. His fifth successive triumph pushed Atlanta 2½ games ahead of the San Francisco Giants in the National League West.

Glavine, who has lost five times, is on course to become the first pitcher to win 20 games three years in a row since Ferguson Jenkins, of the Chicago Cubs, did it six years in a row, from 1967-72. Last weekend the Giants lost the division lead they had held since May 10. On August 11 they were nine games in front of the Braves. They lost to the Cubs 8-1 on Tuesday for their eighth successive defeat.

The Giants won a coin toss to host a one-game play-off on October 4 if they finish their 162-game schedule level with Atlanta. The Braves finish the season with a three-game home series against Colorado, who have not defeated them in ten attempts. The Giants end with a four-game visit to Los Angeles, where the Dodgers would like to get even for 1991, when the Giants bumped them off and the Braves took the division by a game.

On August 20, the Montreal Expos trailed the Philadelphia Phillies by 14½ games in the National League East. With 18 games to go, the Expos are 4½ adrift. The red-hot team has won seven in a row, 16 of 17, and 19 of 21. The Phillies have lost six of their last eight.

Darryl Kile, of the Houston Astros, pitched a no-hitter in a 7-1 victory over the New York Mets. Kile, 24, retired the last 17 batters he faced.

Pending approval by the players' association, the major leagues will adopt a three-division alignment next season and double the number of play-off teams, from two to four. The division winners and one wild-card team in each league will take part.

1994 ALIGNMENT: National League: East: Atlanta, Florida, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia. Central: Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, Pittsburgh, St Louis. West: Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco. American League: East: Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, New York, Toronto. Central: Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minnesota. West: California, Oakland, Seattle, Texas.

BASEBALL DETAILS

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 9, Houston 4 and 6-5 (10 innings), Pittsburgh 1, Florida 0 (8 innings, rain), Atlanta 10, Cincinnati 3, New York 5, Philadelphia 4, Montreal 12, St Louis 9, Los Angeles 5, San Diego 3, Chicago 8, San Francisco 1

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phila Phillies	89	57	.507	—
Montreal Expos	89	61	.570	4½
St Louis Cardinals	79	65	.549	8½
Chicago Cubs	72	72	.507	14½
Pittsburgh Pirates	66	78	.458	21½
Florida Marlins	60	84	.417	27½
New York Mets	49	96	.338	39

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Braves	92	53	.634	—
San Fran Giants	83	65	.616	2½
Houston Astros	76	68	.528	15½
LA Dodgers	73	71	.507	18½
Cincinnati Reds	69	76	.476	23
Colorado Rockies	58	88	.397	34½
San Diego Padres	57	89	.390	35½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 11, Boston 3, Oakland 8, Minnesota 3; Cleveland 2, Texas 0; Toronto 9, Detroit 5, New York Yankees 12, Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 8, Kansas City 3; California 9, Seattle 2

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	82	63	.566	—
NY Yankees	81	65	.555	1½
Baltimore Orioles	80	65	.552	2
Detroit Tigers	75	70	.517	7
Boston Red Sox	74	70	.514	7½
Cleveland Indians	69	77	.473	13½
Milwaukee Brewers	61	85	.418	21½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox	81	63	.563	—
Texas Rangers	78	67	.538	3½
Kansas City Royals	75	69	.521	6
Seattle Mariners	74	70	.514	7
California Angels	64	80	.444	17
Minnesota Twins	61	84	.421	20½
Oakland A's	58	85	.406	22½

Wild romantic enchanted by Olympic obsession



Simon Barnes discovers the drive and power behind Bob Scott, leader of the Manchester 2000 bid



Scott remains eternally enthusiastic and optimistic as he flies the flag for Manchester's bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games. Photograph: Tony White

It profiteth not a man to sell his soul for the whole world — but for *Wales*? These were the words of Thomas More in response to the perjury of Richard Rich *in a A Man for All Seasons*; Rich had been rewarded for his treachery with the post of secretary of state for Wales.

It profiteth not a man to sell *his soul* for the whole world — but for *Manchester*? Bob Scott's endless campaigning for the 2000 Manchester Olympic Games has cost him a marriage and nine years of his life. Manchester has already gained £70 million of government money to spend on sports facilities, plus an appreciable rise in national and global stature; Scott has already gained celebrity status and the ears of the prime minister and Princess Royal.

There is no doubt: the Manchester Olympic bid centres on Scott. Everything revolves around him: his charm, his loquacity, his calculated informality, his careful indiscretions, his ambition, his delight in the whole business. This is not a faceless, state-sponsored project. The Manchester Olympic bid has a face: pudgy, bespectacled and animated.

This is not necessarily a bad tactic. Atlanta's successful bid for the 1996 Games was based on Billy Payne, with his dipthongal southern accent and his pudgy, bespectacled, animated face. Both men are prone to flights of wild romanticism, which could seem laughable but doesn't. Payne's romanticism got Atlanta the Games; Scott's romanticism got Manchester the 70 million quid and the biggest commitment to sport made *by a British government*.

"We are pygmies compared to the Victorians and Manchester is where it all *began*!" Scott said. Exclamation mark spattered oration is his natural style, peppered with self-deprecation, jokes, informalities and the occasional matey obscenity. "And from the obscenity of some of the Industrial Revolution, this was where philanthropy was *born*! And I believe we can create a 21st century city — and the Olympic Games is the way to launch it! Look at our our village concept! Look at the way we are reclaiming our derelict and contaminated land! We could be on to something very exciting — a leisure-led saving of the city!"

Scott apologised utterly unapologetically, and with just the right degree of self-mockery, for being "messianic". "Romantic? Absolutely! Of course I am! No city would benefit more than Manchester. The legacy of the Games would be colossal! *No city would be more changed!*"

Scott may be a romantic but that does not make him stand out in sport, or even in sports politics. All the people in sport have a thick streak of romanticism or they would not be in it. Scott's romantic view of what the Games could bring in its gift to a city could be vastly appealing to anybody with a romantic vision of what sport can do for the world. That is to say, most of the people on the International Olympic Committee — the voters.

And Manchester is a major player this time around. Scott admits he would be "mortified" if Manchester failed to finish in at least third place. "If we don't beat Berlin and Istanbul, I will be a bit desolate. If we lost to Sydney or Beijing or even both, I could *explain* it to you. But I'd be hard pushed to explain fourth of fifth."

The *Manchester tide* turned with the fall of Margaret Thatcher and the placing of Chelsea supporters in influential government positions. John Major and David Mellor were natural supporters of the Manchester bid; Michael Heseltine, though not terribly Chelsea himself, was swept along by the vision of an Olympic solution to inner city decay. Government support; instant global credibility. The government has underwritten the Games to £2.5 million.

The disadvantages of Manchester are obvious to everybody outside Manchester: "We have lost the postcard war," Scott said. *Manchester, short on terracotta armies and opera houses, lacks glamour.* "But the cynicism is greater in London than Montevideo."

The fact is that the name of Manchester has a romantic ring for many a foreign sports nut. "Travelling the world with Bobby Charlton is like walking in Hyde Park with the Queen Mother." *Charlton and Manchester United* are, for many, the very acme of romanticism. And Scott has played this, like all his cards, with great dash. He has forged many alliances, most importantly with Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council. But when it comes to the swaying of hearts and minds, it all comes down to the nature, the rather overwhelming nature, of Scott..

"Something I love is sitting down in a tiny office, with just a secretary, and pretending to be an institution," he said. This is rather revealing: *l'institution, c'est moi.* Delegation does not appear to be among Scott's strengths. Everything bears his imprint and that is how Manchester has travelled so far down the road to the Olympic Games.

Scott's father was a career diplomat, ultimately an ambassador, which is as near as any civil servant can get to *l'etat c'est moi.* He was ambassador to South Africa when the Callaghan government was in power, one of the trickier bits of tightrope walking of recent history.

Scott *fils* has, after establishing a career in arts administration, followed his father's line and has sought international influence through strength of personality. "I think I'm a natural outsider," he said.

Maybe, but he is an outsider with a mission to convince the world that he is right. A remark out of place won me an arm-waving, finger-wagging lecture on why a sports-writer should be lobbying flat out for Manchester. "The fact of the matter is that Manchester and the bid has assisted in the process of changing the government's attitude to sport. I believe that if government is improving its behaviour, then let's encourage it! I think sport enriches life, I really do, and we should be assisting it."

But Scott pricks his own balloon with nicely timed self-deprecation. He is nobody's fool. "Maybe my fervour is ridiculous but I don't care." If Manchester has a *serious chance in this high*-stakes game, it is entirely because of the romanticism of Scott. He would not have it any other way.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Time for team of all talents

From Mr Roy Dean

Sir, David Miller ("Great English myth hides same old problems", September 8) is absolutely right about the lack of skill in English football, but he seems to miss a vital point. There is plenty of skill in the Premiership and first division, but it comes almost entirely from non-English players like Ryan Giggs.

By a historical accident, we have four national football teams in the United Kingdom. This was no doubt justified when there were few countries involved in international tournaments, but surely this no longer holds good when so many new nations are knocking at the door. After all, we field British teams in the Olympics and Test matches.

Isn't it time that the United Kingdom was represented internationally by the best football talents from its four component countries? They could still play separately in domestic tournaments.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr G. W. Beck

Sir, Whilst agreeing with the sentiments expressed by David Miller, I find it remarkable that Colin Todd was included in the category of defender that is "unceremoniously physical" and "for whom the ball is often only an accessory".

Todd was a classy defender whose skilful play would often draw applause from the terraces. His timing was superb and he could take the ball from an attacking player without that player breaking stride and realising that the ball was no longer at his feet.

His defensive partnership with Roy McFarland at Derby in the early Seventies drew people through the turnstiles. It was a joy to witness him and Todd playing together.

Yours faithfully,
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Pleasure to watch

From Professor D. Trotman

Sir, I wonder in whose name Rob Hughes, your Football Correspondent, was writing (September 7) when he said of the Marseille president, Bernard Tapie, that "we have all felt [he] was poison to the sport". Many people, not only in Marseille, have derived great pleasure from watching his team — especially that with Moser, Waddle, Papin and Pele.

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Caddies step over mark

From Mr Kingsley Fielding

Sir, As a regular follower of championship golf around the world, I find it less than amusing to be ordered around by caddies, some of whom appear to think they are as important as their masters. Of these, the posturings and shouts of Nick Faldo's caddie are undoubtedly the most irritating.

For example, may one ask by what authority she addresses the paying public to take no photographs? If the taking of photographs is to be forbidden, then a statement to that effect should appear on the entry programme and be enforced by the officials.

Similarly, if spectators disturb the players, again it should be a matter for the officials. There are more than enough of them.

If this behaviour is not curbed, it will not be long before we see a stage hand shouting at an audience in the theatre for coughing or rustling sweet packets. However irritating it may be, it is not a matter for such persons to take upon themselves.

The last thing the paying public wishes to see is people with delusions of grandeur strutting across the greens and shouting. We do not accept that from a club member, much less a caddie. A word from the Royal and Ancient would not come amiss.

Yours faithfully,
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Ode to organised loafing

From Mr Keith Gowen

Sir, As another cricket season draws to a close and all those lovingly compiled statistics disappear into *Wisden*, one cannot help reflecting on what a useless and yet pleasant pastime being a spectator is.

We are generously provided with a county cricket ground to read the newspapers, have a nap, gossip amongst ourselves, watch Concorde fly over, tune in the personal stereos to *Gardeners' Question Time*, catch a cold, wander aimlessly around during lunch and tea, imbibe strong drink without becoming violent and very occasionally see some poor unfortunate bowled out. At the end of the day there is, for some of us, the luxury of being driven home by a minder: what bliss.

The great and good Archbishop William Temple had a phrase for it — "organised loafing", and he might well have been right — and in moments of extreme ennui I cannot help recalling the words of our wartime leader, which I freely paraphrase: "never in the field of human conflict have so many been bored by so few" (except in the NatWest final), but I wouldn't have it any other way.

As the nights draw in, all we follwers of cricket can draw comfort from those lines of another Englishman, who surely had us all in mind when he wrote: "if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Or, to put it more poetically, roll on next April.

Yours sincerely,
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Winning cause

From Mr A. Jeddere-Fisher

Sir, Professor Fielding (Sports Letters, September 9) suggests that the laws of cricket should state that when a match is fairly won it cannot subsequently be lost.

The situation he poses can only arise in a limited-overs game. The laws (law 21) take no cognizance of such a contrived result and it must be for the rules of each competition to set out the very necessary provision he recommends.

The situation actually arose in an area final of the national village competition. That case was particularly poignant because the visiting side, who were batting second, only attempted the fatal second run because the home-operated scoreboard understated the total by one run.

Unaware that the match was won, the last man was run out and the losing side won the tie on run-rate. The county association umpires left quickly after declining to adjudicate on the technicalities of the rules of that particular competition.

Yours faithfully,
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Rugby pretence

From Dr R. Butler

Sir, In the episode of Scott Gibbs not signing for St Helens rugby league club (report, September 6), the Welsh rugby union authorities have surely broken the laws of amateurism in offering Gibbs what the chairman of Swansea rugby union club described as "an improved package".

If the game were truly amateur, there would be no question of a package deal. It is simply a euphemism for financial rewards.

One can judge the size of the inducements that were made to Gibbs when one considers that he stood to gain a contract reportedly totalling £300,000 if he joined St Helens.

As for the patriotic appeal addressed to Gibbs by the captain of the Welsh rugby union team, Ieuan Evans, he seems to forget that, if his shoulder had not failed a medical, he could have been a professional player with St Helens today.

This is the same sport that banned Steve Pilgrim, of Wasps, not for being paid, but simply for taking part in a trial with a rugby league club.

Why doesn't rugby union come clean and abandon its hypocritical pretence of being an amateur sport and, like tennis and athletics, become openly professional?

Yours faithfully,
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Private counsel

From Mr D. I. Gower

Sir, While I have no wish to disagree with the general mood of Mr Brian Mason's letter (September 9), I would point out only that his role as "personal counsellor" is entirely self-appointed.

On the other hand, as his support for my cause has been enthusiastic and unstinting, who am I to complain?

Yours faithfully,
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St Helens urging contract reform

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ANOTHER call for a reform of the much-maligned contract system, which has left a few players rich, but rugby league generally the poorer, came yesterday from St Helens, a club familiar with the problems from recent experience.

More than the failure to sign Scott Gibbs from rugby union, club supporters were aggrieved at the loss of Gary Connolly, the Great Britain centre. His departure to Wigan for £250,000 is one of the reasons Eric Ashton, the new St Helens chairman, is pressing for change.

Ashton, the former Great Britain captain, is fearful for the game's future without prompt action. "Clubs are paying out money they can't afford and it's tragic what has happened to Widnes, who have lost eight players since going to Wembley in May," he said.

His solution, which tallies with the new mood of financial realism at the Rugby Football League (RFL), is for every player to be valued on his ability, taking into account age, international status, and whether he plays in the first or second division. The contract payment should then be ten per cent of his valuation.

"If a player is worth £100,000 he should be paid £10,000-a-year, apart from match payments," Ashton said. "It would make it harder for the rich clubs to entice players away from the not-so-affluent and encourage player loyalty."

The vexed issue of valuations, with players trapped at clubs because they are overpriced, is already exercising the RFL, which is considering a compensation advisory panel to assess a player's worth in the case of a dispute.

Maurice Bamford, the former Great Britain coach, who resigned as general manager at Bramley after last Sunday's defeat by Carlisle, has taken up his eleventh coaching position in 19 years, with Blackpool Gladiators, the former professional club, now a place off the bottom of the National Conference League. Allan Sherratt, the Blackpool chairman, said: "Maurice Bamford and Alex Murphy are the only two coaches who can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. We're delighted."

World of bumps and hairpins

BY OLIVER HOLT

ATOP Druidale mountain, the west coast of the island stretched out below us, and Robbie Head cursed softly in his lilting Scottish brogue, embarrassed by a flat battery. Five smiling drivers' faces peered through his windscreen as they pushed his car away from the summit, and he jump-started in reverse. "Away with ye, wee Robbie," they laughed. "Away with ye."

Like the wind that howled across the moors and ruffled the sturdy clumps of heather, he went, hurtling along the narrow, tortuously twisting single-lane roads, the kind that provoke Sunday afternoon drivers into arguments over who should retreat into a passing place.

Jerking bewilderingly quickly through the seven-speed gearbox, accelerating fiercely and then braking sharply at the approach of a hairpin bend, Head sped faultlessly over cattle grids, past derelict cottages, over humps in the road that sent the car leaping into the air, and grazed its underside when it landed.

His blue helmet jumping backwards and forwards at the car's changes of pace, he headed unhesitatingly towards a ramshackle stone wall, swerving at the last minute to avoid it. There are no sand traps or tyre barriers to compensate for mistakes.

Past a blur of hardy spectators next, the multi-coloured, turbocharged Ford Escort Cosworth roared up one last craggy peak, and then turned on to a wider main road, where wreaths are placed intermittently at the base of roadside trees, tributes to riders killed in the TT races.

As he caught a car that left the start of this, the preliminary test stage of the 31st Manx Rally, 20 seconds before him, the end loomed into view. Ten kilometres of treacherous travel in 4½ minutes.

Head, 24, from Kilmarnock, is one of the coming generation in British rallying, but he is out of the running for this year's championship. His Michelin Pilot Team Ford colleague, Malcolm Wilson, led until yesterday when a shattering crash on the eighth leg of the 37-stage rally left him badly shaken, destroyed his car, put him out of the rally and led to the cancellation of the stage.

He was leading by more than a minute when the crash occurred. Wilson's accident left Richard Burns, who was lying second after nine stages yesterday, needing only to finish 23rd or higher to claim this British rally championship.

Red-haired and fresh-faced, Burns, from Reading, is only 22, and is already being tipped as the next Briton to follow Colin McRae into the world rally championship, and emulate his success of last month when he won the Rally of New Zealand, and in so doing became the first Briton ever to win an overseas event in the competition.

It is not the most glamorous of sports for a marketably personable young man like Burns. It's anoraks and woolly hats, squalls and biting winds, inhospitable roads, chosen because they are so remote



Wilson: badly shaken

they can be cordoned off without too much inconvenience.

"I can understand why it *isn't the most attractive* of sports to some people," Burns said. "But I never had any thoughts of doing anything but rallying. My parents sent me to racing and rallying schools when I was a teenager, and it was no contest.

"I've got no ambitions to be a grand prix driver. The two disciplines are just completely different, and this is my chosen route. There are no prima donnas here."

Wilson, who won the British championship in 1978 and 1979, was already battered and bruised after a crash at 100mph during the 1,000 Lakes Rally in Finland two weeks ago.

"That has really made me think about my future. I'm *getting close to 40 now*, and I think if I could win the British RAC Rally this year, I would retire," he said.



Answers from page 44

ADONIBEZEK
(a) A king who was served his own disgusting medicine. In his heyday he cut off the thumbs and big toes of 70 kings and made them scramble for food under his table.

ICHABOD
(b) So called by his mother because "the glory has departed" with the capture by the Philistines of the ark of the covenant in the capture by the Philistines of the ark of the covenant in Shiloh. He was the grandson of Eli and his mother was the wife of Eli's unworthy son, Phinehas.

EHUD
(c) A left-handed Benjaminite and one of the earliest Judges of Israel. The Israelites were smitten by Eglon king of Moab who, with the Ammonites and Ammalekites, reduced them to servitude for 18 years. Ehud was chosen by God to bring the servitude to an end. Eglon was a very *fat man*. Ehud armed himself with a two-sided dagger about two feet long, took presents to Eglon, professed to have something secret to tell him, and when the two were alone plunged his dagger — blade and shaft — into Eglon's belly so far that the fat closed over the blade and Ehud could not *pull it out* again.

ABIRAM
(c) One of the leaders of the revolt, led by Korah, against the authority of Moses in the wilderness of Sinai. These dissidents complained that the Israelites were taking far too long to reach the Promised Land.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
White wins the black queen with 1 Qg5+ Qd5 2 Rf5.

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Shrewd planning helps table tennis to make net profit

Richard Eaton on the boom times enjoyed by a sport that remains attractive to players of all ages

The sponsorship of £186,000 agreed by the Woolwich Building Society last week, and supported by the government's Sportsmatch scheme, will benefit an estimated 10,000 juniors in table tennis in the first year alone, according to the sport's national governing body, the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA).

Over the three years of the deal, half the cash will come from the Woolwich. The Sportsmatch scheme, which offers to match financial support in selected sports, will contribute the rest. This is the latest in a long line of financial and promotional successes through which a so-called minor sport is threatening to emerge from the recession like a bull in a booming market, both strengthened and structurally transformed.

It is encouraging what foresight and organisation can achieve. Approximately £1 million has been acquired from the Foundation for the Sports and the Arts, £100,000 a year for three years has been gained from the Focus Sport scheme, and the annual Sports Council grant for table tennis has been increased from £180,000 to £280,000 this year.

Although much of this will be of benefit to the game's grass-roots, there is a flowering of growth in the shop window as well. This season, the ETTA hosts the European championships, an event that has attracted the men's world, Olympic and World Cup champions. The ETTA has also launched a successful attempt to stage the Olympic qualifying competition in 1996 and is planning a bid for the 1997 world championships.

How can this have been done when many sports have had to batten down the hatches to survive in the the recession? The answer lies partly in the nature of the game, and partly in the actions of the ETTA's chairman, Alan Ransome, who started making development plans more than a decade ago, before he was voted into the association's top job.

Ransome reorganised the ETTA into ten regions, matching the structure of the Sports Council and thus enhancing funding. Table tennis remains a sport based around regional and local leagues — in spite of the successes the England national team has achieved under Donald Parker's management (medals in the last three European championships) — which has made it the government's "focus" sport for the year, which has helped increase funding.

Its selling points are that it tends to capture people at an early age, and its intriguing combinations of spin and speed have a magic that holds its followers for life. For instance, the game's biggest league, in Bristol, claims that about half its competitors are veterans. These factors, together with the game's simplicity and affordability, make it one of the biggest participant sports in the world. It also appears to be drug-free.

Add meticulous leadership and it is not surprising that the ETTA has been able to acquire a development officer, a coaching scheme with ten part-time regional coaches, the creation of centres of excellence and the development of facilities to help clubs and leagues.

Meanwhile, the Sports Council grant has enabled the body to advertise three important new posts: a facilities officer, a junior national coach and an information officer. Money from the Foundation for Sports and Arts has produced £500,000 for regional centres, and underwritten the European championships with a sum of £350,000.

It is possible, therefore, that rather more of the top-level game will be televised nationally. Even more likely is that this quick, slick sport will bring a growing number of players under its spell.

Football League waits to hear answer

WEST Bromwich Albion may be fined by the Football League after their Coca-Cola Cup tie with Bristol Rovers at The Hawthorns last month.

League officials want Keith Burkinshaw, the manager, to explain why he fielded so many reserve players against Rovers on August 25 when Albion were defending a 4-1 lead from the first leg. The second leg ended goalless, and the first-division club now plays Chelsea.

Albion are to send a letter of explanation to the League and could be fined if the authorities decide to take the matter further.

Bristol City are to make an official complaint to the Football Association over a foul by David Penney, of Oxford, that has put Junior Bent out of the game for two months. Leslie Kew, the City chairman, said the club had obtained a video of the match last Saturday and would be sending it to Lancaster Gate.

Kew said: "We shall also send a letter of complaint. Hopefully, the FA will take appropriate action and if that happens both Junior and the club will be content to let the matter rest. But we have also consulted a lawyer and if the football authorities fail to punish Penney, we shall pursue the case through the courts.

"Having watched the incident several times myself, I am convinced it was the sort of challenge that must be wiped out of the game." Penney was booked for the first-half foul that left Bent with a triple fracture of his cheekbone.

City will also ask the FA to use the video to clear the Wales international defender, Mark Aizlewood, sent off for a professional foul.

The West Ham United forward, Mike Small, has joined Wolverhampton Wanderers on loan for a month. Graham Turner, the Wolverhampton manager, hit by injuries as his team struggles to recover promotion form, is looking to the former Brighton striker to solve his forward problems.

Turner, given a vote of confidence by his chairman this week, has his leading scorer, Steve Bull, out for two weeks with a hamstring injury, Cyrille Regis also out for a fortnight with a calf problem, and the Republic of Ireland forward, David Kelly, struggling with an ankle injury.

Small, who joined West Ham in August 1991 for £400,000, had a successful first season at the club but was then hit by a bad injury and loss of form, making only nine league appearances, four as substitute, last year.

Turner said: "Mike has caused us problems in the past and, with three strikers out, we need somebody. He was out for most of last season with injury, and it is a chance for him to get his career back on the right track."

Small, 31, who has scored one goal in four reserve matches for West Ham this season, is expected to make his debut for Wolverhampton at Sunderland on Saturday.

Villa seize control after early alarms

Slovan Bratislava	0
Aston Villa	0

FROM PETER BALL IN BRATISLAVA

ASTON Villa did what they had to do here yesterday. A composed, professional performance earned them a draw in the first leg of their Uefa Cup tie under the shadow of the Tetris mountains against a side which has never beaten an English team in a European competition over two legs.

After they had weathered the early onslaught, Villa were the better side. They controlled much of the second half, reducing Slovan to frustrated impotence as they slowed the game to walking pace. They might even have won had the referee not refused an apparently glaring penalty after Atkinson had been brought down.

But even a draw should not be underrated. Of English teams, only Queen Park Rangers, under Dave Sexton, now on the Villa staff, have drawn here. Both the great Tottenham side and Derby lost in the Telehnen Pole, which translates as Brick Field.

Nigel Spink, the Villa goalkeeper, who kept his fourth successive clean sheet, likes playing in Europe. He made his name in the 1982 European Cup final against Bayern Munich, when he was thrown in soon after the start to take over from the injured Jimmy Rimmer. Yesterday, watched approvingly by Peter Withe, the scorer of the winning goal on that occasion, he was in his element and for a time he needed to be, for the Slovaks had only themselves to blame for not holding a useful lead at the interval.

The temperature was still close to 80°F when the game began, with one local journalist wearing a Somerset County Cricket Club sweatshirt.

Villa's defence was quickly stretched by some quick passing movements and Kristofik might have done better from close range in the opening exchanges. After only ten minutes Villa were fully exposed as Kinder's long ball sent Maixner racing clear. But the hostility which had greeted his name when the teams were announced suggested he had not been having a good time recently, and he confirmed the point by firing hastily wide with only Spink to beat.

At that stage, with Nigro, the bouncy Argentinian, orchestrating their attacks, the home side were finding progress relatively easy. Spink, however, produced a fine save to deny Kinder as a 30-yard drive bounced viciously in front of him.

That was to mark something of a turning point. Townsend, who had begun wide on the left, tucked inside to help counteract Slovan's numerical superiority in midfield and slowly but surely Cowans and Richardson began to make some impact.

Villa's first chance fell to the Republic of Ireland captain, who flung himself to meet Staunton's driven low cross but the ball flew over the bar.

From then on Villa increasingly had more say, but before the interval their defence went missing again as Nigro's free kick found Zeman unmarked in front of goal, but the defender's header was weak.

Ten minutes after the interval came the incident which should have brought Villa a goal. Atkinson moved on to the sweeper Tittel's back-pass and rounded Vencel, only to be sent crashing. But Mr Nicchi was not interested.

His decision might have become irrelevant but Vencel saved twice from Saunders and when Houghton gave Atkinson another chance his shot lacked power. Villa's only worry may be that they have still not found their scoring boots.

SLOVAN BRATISLAVA (1-2-5-2): A Vencel — D Tittel — T Stupala, M Zeman — L Lancz (sub: L Pecko, 55min), R Tomaschek, O Krisotik, F Nigro, V Kinder — S Maixner, J Trmko (sub: P Gosbc, 45).
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): N Spink — E Barrett, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton — R Houghton, G Cowans, K Richardson, A Townsend — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
Referee: M Nicchi.



RUI VIEIRA

Atkinson produces a burst of speed that sends him surging towards the Slovan Bratislava goal despite the attentions of three defenders

Stoke make Kernaghan look pricey

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

MIDDLESBROUGH may have turned down a £1.5 million offer for Alan Kernaghan from Manchester City but the central defender did not look worth £150,000 at Ayrsome Park on Tuesday night.

Kernaghan was part of a Middlesbrough defence repeatedly caught horribly square in Stoke City's deserved 2-1 win. That defeat denied Middlesbrough the chance to go top of the first division — and rekindled memories of the basic backline blunders that forfeited them a Premier League place last season.

Goals from Martin Carruthers and Steve Foley sealed Stoke's win before Craig Hignett, Middlesbrough's midfield player and their best player on the night, scored direct from a fine free kick in the ninetieth minute.

Middlesbrough have plenty of players of Hignett's ability and better, but their attitude sometimes needs to be questioned. A disappointed Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, apologised to the home supporters and said: "We should have gone top but we didn't have the necessary spark or passion. We let our crowd down. It is an attitude thing."

It was hardly the start Steve Gibson would have wanted to his reign as the new Middlesbrough chairman. Not that Stoke played badly on a night when bucketing rain saw players aquaplaning on puddles and supporters thoroughly drenched.

He may not have scored but their striker, Mark Stein, caught the eye. Stein is being watched by Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, but Lou Macari, the Stoke manager said: "I don't intend to let Mark go. He has asked for a transfer but is under contract until the end of the season."

David Pleat's Luton remain rooted to the bottom of the first division after a 4-1 trouncing at Tranmere Rovers where Muir, Brannan, Thomas and Aldridge scored the Merseysiders goals that placed them at to top place.

But Tranmere attracted another disappointingly low crowd of only 5,871, which will further fuel rumours that their chairman, Peter Johnson, is preparing a bid to take over at Everton.

One of Pleat's old clubs, Leicester City, fared rather better at Bristol City where they prevailed 3-1 thanks to two goals from Speedie and another from Walsh.

Converted from centre half to centre forward last season, Walsh is now terrorising defences and few will relish facing him alongside Speedie and the much admired Joachim.

Maybe after two near misses in the play-offs, this might turn out to be the Leicester manager, Brian Little's, season.

If Leicester's attack is among the first division's more menacing, Sunderland's seems toothless. Terry Butcher's team has failed to score a single away goal this season and it was sunk 2-0 at Bolton Wanderers in the Anglo Italian cup. Alarmingly from Butcher's viewpoint, Bruce Rioch fielded only three first-team regulars.

Yet Bolton still qualified for the international stage courtesy of two Coyle goals. Rumours are rife in the north-east that Butcher's job is in jeopardy — so far his record at Roker Park is even worse than that of the reviled Lawrie McMenemy.

Yet Bob Murray, the Sunderland chairman, said yesterday: "Terry Butcher is staying." Murray must wonder if he was mistaken in overlooking Rioch for the job.

Stoke, Charlton, Portsmouth and Middlesbrough have also qualified for the international stage of the Anglo-Italian Cup and will face opponents from Serie B.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Uefa Cup

First round, first leg

SLOVAN B (0) 0 A VILLA (0) 0
35,000

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, first leg: Dynamo Kiev 3, Barcelona 1, Sturito Riga (Lat) 0, Spartak Moscow 5

CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Torpedo Moscow 1, Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 0

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Kocaelispor (Tur) 0, Sporting Lisbon 0, Trabzonspor (Tur) 3, Valetta (Malta) 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION. Second division: Bournemouth 2, Torquay 2

Late results on Tuesday

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first legs: Apoel Nicosia 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 2, Zbrojovka Brno (Cz) 0; Degerfors (Swe) 1, Perma (It) 2; Valur (Ice) 0, Aberdeen 3.

UEFA CUP: First round, first legs: Bohemians 0, Bordeaux 1; Crusaders 0, Servette (Swtz) 0; Heart of Midlothian 2, Atletico Madrid 1; Young Boys (Swtz) 0, Celtic 0; Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk (Ukr) 1, Admira Wacker (Austria) 0; Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) 4, Wsregem (Bel) 0; SV Salzburg (Austria) 2, Dac Dunajska Streda (Cz) 0; Royal Antwerp 2, Maritimo Funchal (Por) 0, Karlsruhe SC (Ger) 2, PSV Eindhoven 1; Aalborg (Den) 1, Deportivo de la Coruña (Sp) 0; Union Luxembourg 0, Boavista (Por) 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE. First division: Bristol City 1, Leicester City 3, Middlesbrough 1, Stoke City 2; Tranmere Rovers 4, Luton Town 1. Second division: Barnet 0, Fulham 2; Brentford 0, Leyton Orient 1, Burnley 3, Brighton 0, Cambridge United 2, Swansea City 0; Hartlepool United 2, Blackpool 0, Huddersfield Town 1, Port Vale 1, Plymouth Argyle 4, Rotherham United 2; Wrexham 3, Hull City 0; York City 1, Stockport County 2.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Qualifying round: Barnsley 2, Grimsby Town 1; Birmingham City 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2. Bolton Wanderers 2, Sunderland 0; Crystal Palace 3, Millwall 0, Oxford United 0, Portsmouth 2. GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Wilton Albion 2, Kidderminster Harriers 0; Yeovil Town 0, Welling United 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Airdrieonians 2, Clyde 1; Ayr United 0, Falkirk 3; Dumbarton 1, Brechin City 0; Dunfermline Athletic 3, St Mirren 4, Greenock Morton 2, Stirling Albion 2.

FA CUP: First qualifying round replays: Flixton 3, Darwen 0, North Ferriby 4, Malton MW 2, Wednesfield 0, Worksop 2; Grimsby 0, Bromsgrove 1, Hendsley 2, Dudley 3 (aet); Redditch 2, Pagel 1; Aveley 1, Billericay 3, Braintree 1, Boston United 2; Canvey Island 1, Basildon 0; Heybridge 5, Felixstowe 1, Hendon 4, Great Yarmouth 2, Newmarket 1, Chelmsford 1 (aet); East Thurrock 1, Wisbech 0; Wembley 1, Stevenage 1 (aet); Hampton 1, Haringey 2; Herne Bay 3, Fisher 2; Dover 1, Sittingbourne 2; Metropolitan Police 3, Lewes 2; Portfield 0, Sheppey 3, Wimborne 2, Poole 0; Witney 1, Thame 2 (aet); Barnstaple 3, Chesterfield 1; Moreton 1, Frome 0; Forest Green 1, Odd Down 3 Postponed: Goole v Glossop

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 1, Swindon 3

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Blackburn 3; Liverpool 5, Coventry 1; Notts County 0, Leeds 0 Second division: Manchester City 4, Hull 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton United 2, Kingstonian 1, Wokingham 1, St Albans 3, Enfield 0, Basingstoke 1; Bromley 2, Yeading 1. Postponed: Hendon v Harrow.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 0, Halesowen 2. Midland division: Rushden and Diamonds 6, King's Lynn 0

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough 1, Buxton 1; Marine 4, Chorley 1; Matlock 1, Frickley 5. Postponed: Knowsley Utd v Colwyn Bay; Leek v Droylsden. First division: Barrow 2, Casmarton 0; Harrogate 2, Spennymoor 5; Mossley 0, Warrington 2, Netherfield 2, Gretna 0, Radcliffe Borough 1, Great Harwood 1; Workington 4, Lancaster 3

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford PA 2, Chadderton 1, Newcastle Town 1, Boode 2; Skelmersdale United 2, Eastwood Hanley 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth 2, Bideford 2.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Gloucester 15, Cheltenham 11; Penalta 10, Newbridge 29, Tonyrefail 6, Pontypridd 27, Abertillery 31, Blackwood 22; Wasps 51, Blackheath 3. Northampton 39, London Welsh 0.

ATHLETICS

DELHI: ITC international meeting: Winners: Men: 100m: Race A: 1, G Abdolsadeg (Iran), 10.73sec. Race B: 1, D Barbulescu (Rom), 10.74. 1,500m: 1, W Tanui (Ken) 3 42 05sec. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, C Kocluk (Turk) 8 39.74sec. 110m hurdles: 1, Jx LeRou (Mauritius), 13 96sec. High jump: 1, H Beyer (Ger), 2.35m. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (Ukr), 5.60m. Discus: 1, V Kaptyukh (Belo), 60 52m Javelin: 1, L Fouchi (SA), 70.35m. Women: 100m: 1, G Torrance (US), 11.11sec (new meet record). 1,500m: 1, G Szabo (Rom), 4.15.79sec (new meet record).

BOWLS

NORWICH: Liverpool Victoria Cancer Research All England mixed fours championship: Quarter-finals: Warwickshire (C Jones) bt Surrey (H Craig), 18-13, Hertfordshire (A Binden) bt Norfolk (D Brown), 27-13; Hampshire (I White) bt Nottinghamshire (R Dickens), 21-9, Middlesex (G Little) bt Somerset (D Fowkes), 19-10. Semi-finals: Warwickshire bt A Binden, 21-12, Middlesex bt Hampshire, 26-9. Final: Middlesex bt Warwickshire, 28-18.

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's singles: Third round: M Horne bt B Fenwick, 21-5, R Biddlecombe bt H Stevens, 21-14; R Newbold bt R Appleby, 21-12; J Griffiths bt C Kiddy, 21-17, R Ascott bt D Pearce, 21-13; K Weyand bt C Crawford, 21-12; W Norman bt R Sayers, 19-14 (time expired); N Bishop bt L Williams, 21-9; B Jones bt D Edmeades, 21-17; G Griffin bt F Fawcett, 21-15, S Burridge bt G Mullen, 21-14. Fourth round: M Horne bt R Biddlecombe 21-8, E Huckstep bt R Newbold, 19-13; J Griffiths bt E Gunning, 21-5, J Parkyn bt R Mann, 21-7, R Ascott bt W Seaman, 21-18, D Boding bt J Clark, 21-20; K Weyand bt C Wells, 21-10; C Tingey bt L Ellis 21-7; W Norman bt M Sawyer, 21-14, F Ash bt A Gwynn, 21-11; S Mason bt N Bishop, 21-13, J Flood bt B Jones, 15-14; F Wigmore bt G Griffin, 21-15; J Ray bt J Tarlow, 21-19; J Day bt W Swan, 21-13; M Hill bt S Burridge, 21-12. Women's singles: Second round: J Stem bt C Hawson, 21-14; R Coleman bt J Hadfield, 21-3, H Hunn bt I Grace, 21-19; P Morley bt O Freeman, 21-12; M Medhurst bt M Trench, 15-15 (time expired). Fourth round: K Knott bt B Sawyer, 21-16, P Gilbert bt E Brocklewell, 21-12; N Biddlecombe bt B Ansell, 19-15; M Webster bt J Wood, 21-13, J Stem bt R Coleman, 21-1, V Newbold bt P Mortley, 19-16, D W Williams bt G Burke, 21-14, E Jackson bt O George, 19-18.

AUCHINLECK, Section A: D Edgar (Scot) 13, A Acock (Eng), 11, R Sutherland (Scot) 10, A Thompson (Eng) 9; Sutherland 15, Alcock 4; Edgar 15, Thompson 6; Thompson 16, Alcock 9, Sutherland 15, Edgar 10 Section B: D Bryant (Eng) 15, J McCann (Scot), 12, H Duff (Eng) 15, C Richmond (Scot) 6. Bryant 15, Richmond 12, Duff 15, McCann 14, McCann 15, Richmond 14; Duff 15, Bryant 4. Women's event: Semi-finals: K Adams (Scot) 14, M Johnston (Ire) 10, J Sykes (Scot) 15, B Morgan (Wales) 8. Final: Sykes 11, Adams 10

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Barnstead: Surrey v Worcestershire, no play today

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Sixth stage (121.5 miles): 1, A Martin (Sp), 5 hr 29min 19sec; 2, O Rincon (Col), S Amaya, same time; 3, A Mejia (Col), Motorola, same time. Overall: 1, Mejia, 23hr, 24min, 32sec; 2, Martin, same time; 3, M Fondriest (It), Lampre, 11sec behind. Final stage (18.9km time trial): 1, Fondriest, 23min 47sec; 2, Mejia, 7sec behind; 3, A Zuelle (Switz), 12; 4, M Indurain (Sp), 15; 5, C Chiappucci (It), 24; 6, Martin, 38. Overall: 1, Mejia, 23hr 48min 28sec; 2, Fondriest, 4sec behind; 3, Martin, 35; 4, Indurain, 40; 5, Chiappucci, 43; 6, Zuelle, 50.

TOUR DE L'AVENIR: Eighth stage (from Dinard to Wasdieu-les-Poeles, 152km): 1, T Hoffman (Ger) TVM team, 3hr 28min 19sec; 2, E Salgneur (Fr), 2sec; 3, A Vierhouten (Hol), 7sec. Overall: 1, T Davy (Fr), Castorama, 25hr 22min 43sec; 2, F Simon (Fr), 2sec; 3, H Trumheller (Ger), 67

GOLF

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR PRE-QUALIFYING COMPETITION (54 holes): Leading first-round scores: Manchester: 65: P Bates (US), 68; L Westwood (Eng), 69; A Hill (Eng), M Sterner (Swe), 71; C Green (Eng), 72; A Collinson (Eng), R Gilling (Eng), P Gribben (N Ire), S Keenan (Ire), M Stevenson (Eng), Outlewsiders: 68; B Fauchen (SA), B Lamb (US), 69; P Lyons (Eng), N Graves (Eng), T Decarne (Fr) 70; M Wilshire (SA), I Feliu (Sp), N Henning (SA), B Hoden (Eng), S Robertson (Eng), P Somers (Aus), G Emerson (Eng), B Evans (Eng), Bolton Old Links: 68; J Carvill (N Ire), 71; C Watts (Eng), I Alexander (Scot), G Houston (Wales), A Caesar (Scot), A Tait (Scot), R Cameron (Eng), P Saunders (Eng), J Proctor (Eng), Collingtree Park: 69; P Golding (Eng) 70; T Price (Aus), 71; J P Casus (Fr), 72; S Henderson, C Gray (Aus), J Wilshire (Eng), E McIntosh (Scot).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Cup

First round, first leg

Linfield v FC Copenhagen (8 0) .....

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TENNIS: LTA autumn satellite tournament (Nottingham)

HOCKEY

TERRASSA, Spain: Junior World Cup: Women: Pool A: Spain 2, Germany 3; Kenya 0, Argentina 4; Germany 1, England 1; Egypt 2, Cuba 2; Holland 6, Malaysia 1. Final positions: 1, Germany 6pts; 2, Holland 8, 3, England 7; 4, Cuba 3, 5, Egypt 2; 6, Malaysia, 1 Pool B: Holland 5, Canada 0, Scotland 1, Trinidad and Tobago 2; Australia 0, S Korea 2; Scotland 2, Argentina 3. Final positions: 1, S Korea, 10; 2, Australia, 8, 3, Holland, 6; 4, Canada, 4; 5, Trinidad and Tobago, 2; 6, Scotland, 0. Semi-finals: Germany v Australia; S Korea v Argentina.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: Second division: Sheffield Eagles 2, Dewsbury 3.

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM: LTA autumn satellite tournament: Men's singles: First round: J Hunter (Switz) bt A Cohen (Middle), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; B Cowan (Lance) bt R Matheson (W Scot), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; D Sapsford (Surrey) bt R Ruppenthal (Ger), 6-1, 6-0; N Baglin (Cheshire) bt N Wyatt (Middx), 6-4, 6-1. Second round: B Gyetko (Can) bt F Schweikert (Ger), 6-3, 7-6; B Cowan (Lance) bt G Henderson (Yorks), 6-2, 7-5; D Sapsford (Surrey) bt L Monta (Switz), 6-2, 6-2.

BUCHAREST: Romanian Open: First round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt H Skoff (Austria), 7-6, 6-3; D Pescariu (Rom) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-4, 7-6; K Novacek (Cz) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor), 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; R Furlan (It) bt F Fontang (Fr), 6-4, 7-6; M Onclusks (SA) bt R Sabau (Rom), 6-1, 6-3; J Arrese (Sp) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 5-7, 6-1, 7-5; T Muster (Austria) bt I Sarlo (Cro), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; G Perez Roldan (Arg) bt D Rikl (Cz), 7-6, 7-6, M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C Arrens (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; C Pioline (Fr) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-4, 6-2. Second round: T Nydahl (Swe) bt Muster, 6-2, 7-6.

BORDEAUX: Men's tournament: First round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt L Roux (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; T Enqvist (Swe) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; H Lisconte (Fr) bt B Shelton (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; A Mancini (Arg) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 7-6, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt M Bernard (SA), 6-3, 6-1; N Pereira (Ven) bt S Youl (Aus), 7-6, 7-5; J Frana (Arg) bt S Smilan (Fr), 7-6, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt J Tarango (US), 6-1, 6-4; D Nargiso (It) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; O Delaitre (Fr) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por), 6-2, 6-4, J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, M Rosset (Switz) bt B Devening (US), 6-1, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; C Wilkinson (GB) bt S Hust (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; R Agenor (Hait) bt P MacEnroe (US), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

HONG KONG: Women's Open: Second round: P Hy (Can) bt B Bowes (US), 6-2, 6-4; E De Lone (US) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; K Radford (Aus) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 6-4, 7-6.

ATP: Money-winners: 1, P Sampras (US), $1,988,525; 2, J Courier (US), $1,707,326; 3, S Bruguera (Sp), $1,271,734; 4, M Stich (Ger), $1,262,841; 5, S Edberg (Swe), $940,469; 6, M Chang (US), $894,069; 7, A Medvedev (Ukr), $851,968; 8, B Becker (Ger), $702,039; 9, T Muster (Austria), $690,241; 10, R Krajicek (Hol), $689,443.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: European Open: Seventh qualifying round (England unless stated): K Broughton bt J Read, 5-3; S Mezrocis bt J Weston, 5-4; M Flowerdew bt A Harris, 5-3; M Rowing bt P Kenny, 5-2; L Richardson bt N Dyson, 5-1; Y Merchant (India) bt W Sadler, 5-2; S O'Connor (Ire) bt S Haines, 5-3, A O'Connor (Ire) bt R Marshall, 5-0; G Daubney bt F Deal, 5-3; M Williams (Wales) bt S Lynskey, 5-1; O King bt M King, 5-0; N Walker bt D Leary, 5-1; C Edwards wo J O'Boye, scr; S Lanigan bt P Lines, 5-2; F O'Brien (Ire) bt J Lardner (Scot), 5-2; D Taylor bt D Walker, 5-4; S Longworth bt P Wykes, 5-4; T Rampello bt I Brumby, 5-2. Eighth qualifying round: A Davies (Wales) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire), 5-3; D Fowler bt G Horne (Scot), 5-2; A Hicks bt J Grech (Malta), 5-4, K Broughton bt C Thorburn (Can), 5-1; D Clarke bt N Terry, 5-3; B O'Sullivan bt M Fernandez, 5-1; T Murphy (N Ire) bt N Gilbert, 5-4; J Michie bt L Dodd, 5-0; J Higgins (Scot) bt R Lawler, 5-1; B Sneddon (Scot) bt M Couch, 5-4; S Lee bt S Francisco (SA), 5-4; C Wilson (Wales) bt S Mazrocis 6-4.

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Ring judge explains odd marks

THE British boxing judge, Mickey Vann, has dismissed protests from Pernell Whitaker's promoter, Dan Duva, about his scoring of the World Boxing Council title bout against Julio César Chávez last Friday.

Vann said he scored the sixth round of the San Antonio contest "as he saw it". Vann, from Leeds, was quoted as saying he took it upon himself to deduct a point from Whitaker for a low blow halfway through the drawn welterweight contest.

"I scored that round as I saw it, taking all the circumstances into account," Vann said.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about. All three judges had the fight more or less the same. If the American judge had scored just one of Whitaker's rounds to Chávez, he would have had the fight even, like myself and Franz Marti."

The referee, Joe Cortez, of Las Vegas, the only offical permitted under the rules to take a point away, did not to penalise Whitaker. Vann scored the round 10-9 for Chávez and had the bout even at 115-115, as did Marti, of Switzerland, while the Texan, Jack Woodruff, scored 115-113 for Whitaker, who kept his title.

"The only one who can take a point away is the referee," Duva said.

Shaikh fails to confirm Dettori role

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Roberts grimaced and said little. Frankie Dettori beamed and said less. Shaikh Mohammed's representative failed to appear. And that said everything.

At Sandown Park yesterday the most finely tuned interpretative skills were required to decipher the body language and signals surrounding the needlessly secret saga of who will ride Shaikh Mohammed's horses next year.

Following the disclosure in *The Times* yesterday that Dettori has agreed terms to ride as first jockey to the Shaikh's principal trainer, John Gosden, in 1994, the phoney war continued.

Roberts, who must rue the day earlier this year he agreed to become the Shaikh's retained jockey, is genuinely in the dark about what the future holds. He has been told nothing. "I don't know anything about it," a decidedly downcast champion jockey said when asked about the latest developments.

Dettori, whose open and generous nature has made him one of the most liked jockeys in racing, found himself in the faintly ridiculous position of having to say: "No comment."

When horses managed by the Shaikh's Darley Stud management filled the first two places of the third race at Sandown, seekers of truth waited for enlightenment from one of the advisers to the Dubai owner who are inevitably in attendance when his horses run. They waited in vain. No-one appeared.

Instead, a statement which bore all the hallmarks of a clumsy attempt at news management was issued last night by Darley Stud management announcing that Opera House, this season's triple group one winner, has been sold to the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders Association. The five-year-old will continue to run for Shaikh Mohammed in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Breeders' Cup and, possibly, the Japan Cup.

As the Shaikh Mohammed saga rumbled on at Sandown, interpretative skills of a different kind were required to assess the victory of Luhuk on his debut in the EBF Hawker Hurricane Maiden Stakes.

The Forty Niner colt cost $500,000 as a yearling and is trained by John Dunlop. The Arundel trainer is a master of the understatement and is the last person to pretend geese are swans, but he suggested Luhuk could be a "nice" horse after overcoming greenness to win. Apart from the impressive way the colt knuckled down to beat William Tell, having been slowly away, the placid temperament and relaxed nature of the racecourse debutant were most striking.

Ladbrokes made the winner a 33-1 shot for next year's 2,000 Guineas and that could prove to be generous.

"I think he will be a better horse on better ground. Today's soft ground was not ideal for him. Whether he will be ready this year for the serious stuff I am not sure. He is still relatively immature but I think he will be a nice horse in time," Dunlop said.

The winner was the first leg of a near 500-1 treble for Richard Quinn, completed by Silver Groom and Elevator Shaft.

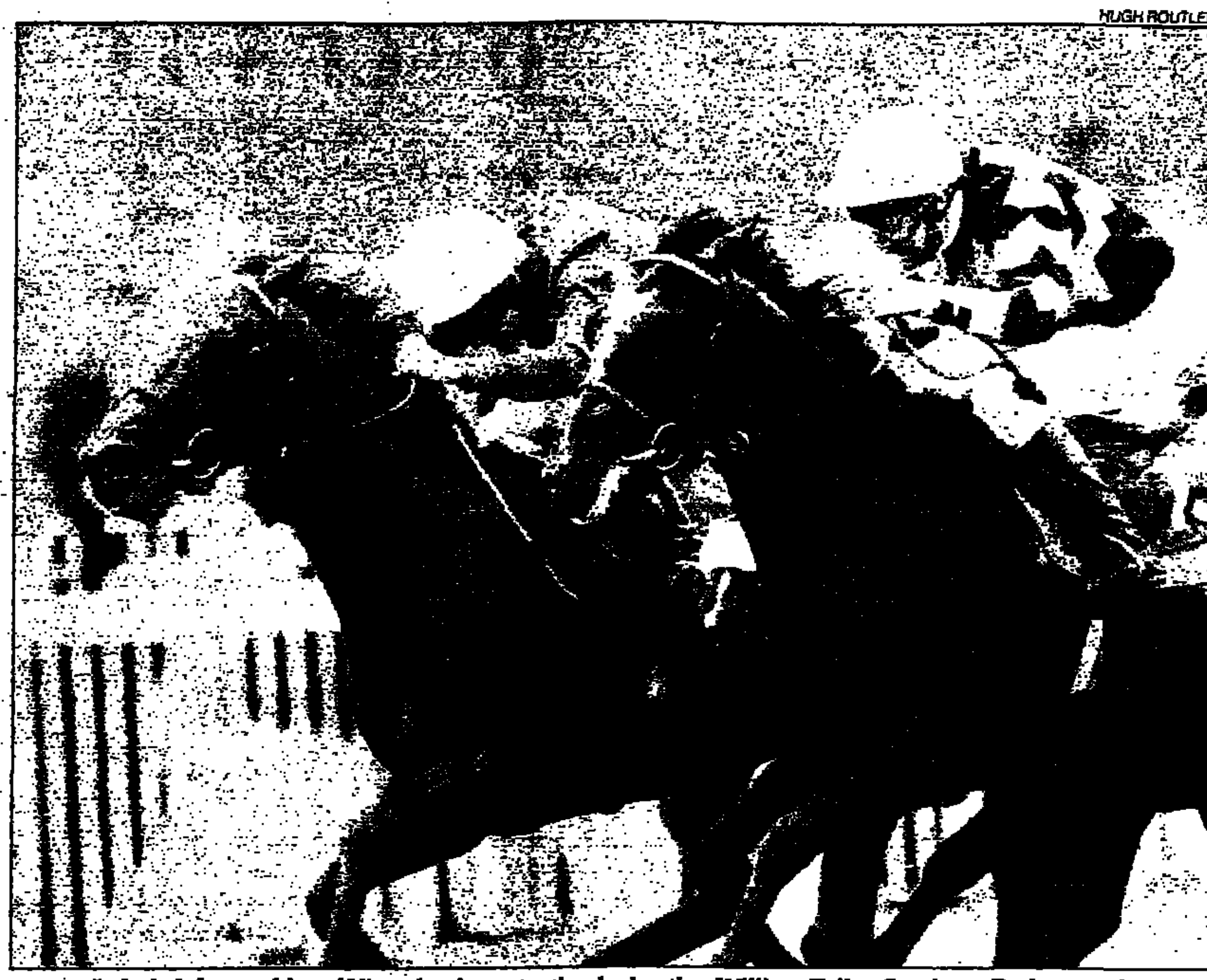
The heavy rain has so far missed Ayr, and with the weathermen predicting clear skies for the west coast of Scotland, punters yesterday began backing fast ground horses for the Ladbrokes Ayr Gold Cup on Saturday.

The race sponsors cut Garnock Valley, one of five likely Jack Berry-trained runners, from 14-1 to 12-1 favourite. Stewards' Cup runner-up Hard To Figure, trained by Ron Hodges, was trimmed to 20-1 from 25s. Despite losing the winning habit of late Cumbrian Waltzer — he has not won for two years — attracted significant support during the day and is 20-1 from 33s.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ZUBOON
(4.40 Ayr)
Next best: Jazeel
(2.00 Ayr)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Luhuk, left, puts himself into classic contention by beating William Tell at Sandown Park yesterday

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THUNDERER

2.00 Jazeel
2.35 Slip A Coin
3.10 Ehtfaal
3.40 Gondo
4.10 Shiro
4.40 **BEATS WORKING (nap)**
5.10 Mujawab

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 **HI NOD.**
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Moorland Dancer.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 EBF HALL FARM STUD MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,396: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (1) 22 AMBER VALLEY 69 (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0 ... E Johnson [top]
2 (8) 203 DANGER POINT 75 (Fahd Salman) P Hannon 9-0 ... K Darley 90
3 (6) 03 EL BAILADOR 35 (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 9-0 ... R Hills 66
4 (9) 6 ESPLEY NIPPER 17 (W Page) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll –
5 (3) 006 HESFINMENTALTOO 10 (B) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 9-0 ... A Mackay –
6 (5) 3223 JAZEEL 28 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 93
7 (2) 0 MARGOT'S BOY 10 (D McCune) Miss L Perratt 9-0 ... J Fanning –
8 (7) 5 MOVING ARROW 12 (W Barker) Miss S Hall 9-0 ... N Connorton 84
9 (4) WILD ROSE OF YORK (5 Yearley Ltd) M Johnston 8-9 ... G Duffield –

BETTING: 7-4 Jazeel, 3-1 Danger Point, 5-1 Amber Valley, 7-1 Moving Arrow, 10-1 Wild Rose Of York, 14-1 Espley Nipper, 16-1 El Bailador, 25-1 Margot's Boy, 33-1 Hesfinmentaltoo

1992: TOLEDO QUEEN 8-11 D Holland (4-7 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMBER VALLEY 1½l 2nd of 5 to Gold Land in a conditions race at York (6f, good to firm). DANGER POINT 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Silver Wedge in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm). EL BAILADOR 13l 3rd of 4 to Pearl Kite in a maiden at York (1m good to firm). JAZEEL 2½l 3rd of 11 to Ovington in a maiden at York (6f, good). MOVING ARROW 9½l 5th of 13 to Overbury in a maiden at Haydock (7f, good to firm). WILD ROSE OF YORK (foaled April 2) half-sister by Unfuwain to 7f winner Brown Fairy; dam smart 5f-6f winner.
Selection: JAZEEL.

2.35 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES FILLIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O fillies: £3,501: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (6) 56C BILLIE GREY 1 (R Dalton) J Scargill 8-8 ... – 90
2 (2) 54 SLIP A COIN 12 (T Holdcroft) R Hollinshead 8-6 ... K Darley [top]
3 (1) 60 ZANZARA 107 (Skyline Racing Ltd) J Berry 8-6 ... J Fortune –
4 (4) ENCHANTEUR (N Yong) J Etherington 8-5 ... M Birch –
5 (3) 3 MOORLAND DANCER 17 (BF) (Fib Partners) W Haggas 8-4 ... R Hills 87
6 (7) 50 STRANGERSARDANGERS 13 (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 8-4 ... A Mackay 84
7 (8) 0C2 FRISKY MISS 10 (Mrs M Smeaton) J Berry 8-3 ... J Carroll 98
8 (5) 200050 PORTITE SOPHIE 55 (Mr M Hanley) M Brittain 8-3 ... J Lowe 66

BETTING: 5-2 Slip A Coin, 3-1 Frisky Miss, 4-1 Moorland Dancer, 13-2 Billie Grey, 5-1 Enchanteur, 10-1 Zanzara, 14-1 Portite Sophie, 20-1 Strangersardangers

1992: BENZOE 8-9 T Lucas (8-1) M Easterby 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BILLIE GREY 3l 5th of 19 to Amidilly in a maiden auction at Goodwood (6f, good). SLIP A COIN 11½l 4th of 4 to Chardy Crusader in a conditions race at Haydock (1m, good to firm). ENCHANTEUR (foaled March 9, cost 5000 gns) By Damister, dam useful performer in South America, winner in Group company. MOORLAND DANCER 2½l 3rd of 5 to Pursuit Of Glory in a maiden auction at Yarmouth (6f, good). FRISKY MISS 2l 2nd of 8 to Storm Ship in a maiden at Hamilton (6f, firm). PORTITE SOPHIE 14l 7th of 9 to Island Magic in a maiden auction at Carlisle (5f, good).
Selection: FRISKY MISS.

3.10 TIMEFORM HARRY ROSEBERY TROPHY
(Listed Race: 2-Y-O: £7,904: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (5) 224013 BID FOR BLUE 17 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-3 ... K Darley [top]
2 (1) 226311 PALACEGATE JACK 19 (D,F) (Palacegate Corporation) J Berry 9-3 ... J Carroll 84
3 (2) 11 EHTFAAL 17 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-12 ... R Hills 98
4 (3) 0102 MISTER PISTE 28 (D,G) (Major I Straker) Miss L Perratt 8-11 ... J Fanning 86
5 (4) 21 PINKERTON'S PAL 14 (F) (Miss E Macgregor) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Birch 98
6 (6) 421062 NORDICO PRINCESS 16 (G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-6 ... S Perks 93

BETTING: 5-4 Ehtfaal, 11-4 Bid For Blue, 9-2 Pinkerton's Pal, 13-2 Palacegate Jack, 12-1 Nordico Princess, 20-1 Mister Piste

1992: FYFIELD FLYER 8-11 D Holland (4-1) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BID FOR BLUE beat Gold Land head in a 6-runner listed race at York (5f, good) on penultimate start. PALACEGATE JACK beat Better Folly 2l in a 19-runner listed race at The Curragh (6f, good to firm). EHTFAAL beat Alaness ½l in a 7-runner listed race at Ripon (6f, good to firm), with BID FOR BLUE (5lb better off) 2½l 3rd. MISTER PISTE ½l 2nd of 8 to Grey Toppa in a nursery at Ayr (5f, good). PINKERTON'S PAL beat Guess head in a 9-runner maiden at York (6f, good to firm). NORDICO PRINCESS 1½l 2nd of 11 to Grey Toppa in a nursery at Ripon (5f, good to firm).
Selection: EHTFAAL (nap)

3.40 CHAMPAGNE PANNIER HANDICAP (£4,572: 5f) (20 runners)

1 (13) 402400 JIGSAW BOY 38 (D,F,S) (All Eight Club) P Murphy 4-10-0 ... M Birch 94
2 (2) 103000 SIR JOEY 30 (D,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 4-9-12 ... S Drowne (7) 98
3 (7) 112304 SHADOW JURY 3 (CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 3-9-12 ... K Darley 94
4 (15) 222110 MURRAY'S MAZDA 49 (C,F,G,S) (Murray Grubb) J Berry 4-9-12 ... J Carroll 90
5 (19) 105640 WILLSHE GAN 29 (D,F,S) (H Hewitson) Denys Smith 3-9-12 ... W Carson 93
6 (11) 110000 GONDO 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 6-9-11 ... S Knott (7) 94
7 (14) 020100 PALLIUM 9 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 5-9-10 ... D McCabe (5) 94
8 (8) 000452 SIGAMA 18 (D,F) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 7-9-10 ... R Lappin [top]
9 (9) 252135 CALL TO THE BAR 19 (D,F,G) (Trow Farm) M McCormack 4-9-9 ... A Clark 96
10 (10) 310000 JUST BOB 29 (CD,F,G,S) (J Fotherby) S Kettlewell 4-9-9 ... J Fortune 97
11 (1) 802230 SINGING STAR 20 (D,F) (Five Star Racing) J Balding 7-9-8 ... Claire Balding (7) 96
12 (5) 120300 ABSOLUTION 6 (CD,F,G,S) (M Hyman) M Naughton 9-9-1 ... K Fallon 98
13 (3) 340006 BOLD COUNTY 44 (B,F) (Fairyhouse Partners) M Johnston 3-8-13 ... G Duffield 96
14 (6) 503605 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 21 (B,D,G) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 5-8-9 ... A Garth (5) 98
15 (18) 214030 KABCAST 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Marshall) D Chapman 8-8-8 ... N Connorton 94
16 (4) 300355 LOFT BOY 49 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Bethell) J Bethell 10-8-7 ... R Hills 95
17 (16) 225314 DUR MICA 48 (B,D,BF,G,S) (M Dodds) J Berry 3-8-5 ... P Roberts (7) 93
18 (12) 665520 LANGTONIAN 13 (B,G) (R Peebles) J Berry 4-8-3 ... P Fessey (7) 97
19 (20) 400246 BRISAS 20 (V,D,F,G) (B Cann) T Fairhurst 6-7-7 ... J Fanning 89
20 (17) 02000-0 MINIZEN MUSIC 21 (D,F) (D Metcalf) M Brittain 5-7-7 ... J Lowe 76

Long handicap: Brisas 7-2, Minizen Music 7-0

BETTING: 7-1 Call To The Bar, 8-1 Jigsaw Boy, 9-1 Willshe Gan, 10-1 Shadow Jury, Sigama, Bold County, 12-1 Murray's Mazda, Gondo, Pallium, 14-1 Sir Joey, Singing Star, Loft Boy, 16-1 others.

1992: WE'RE ALL GAME 3-8-8 P Robinson (16-1) B Morgan 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

JIGSAW BOY 6l 7th of 19 to Court Minstrel in a handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). SHADOW JURY about 1¾l 4th of 18 to Choir Practice in a handicap at Leicester (5f, good to soft), with KABCAST (same terms) 6¾l 13th. MURRAY'S MAZDA beat Drum Sergeant 2½l in a 6-runner claimer here (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PALLIUM best recent effort when beating Followmegirls 1½l in a 16-runner handicap at Carlisle (5f, good to firm), with SINGING STAR (7lb better off) neck 3rd, GONDO (8lb better off) about 4l 10th, WILLSHE GAN (5lb better off) 1½l 11th and JUST BOB (6lb better off) 8l 15th. SIGAMA ½l 2nd of 7 to Never In The Red in a seller at Epsom (5f, good to firm). CALL TO THE BAR was a ½l 3rd of 18 to Heaven-Leigh-Grey in a handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm). LANGTONIAN was a 3½l 2nd of 13 to Trevorsninepoints in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Edinburgh (5f, firm) on penultimate start, with KABCAST (1lb worse off) neck 3rd, SIMMIE'S SPECIAL (2lb better off) about 1¾l 5th and MINIZEN MUSIC (1lb worse off) 7½l 10th.
Selection: CALL TO THE BAR

4.10 SAM HALL RATED HANDICAP (£6,187: 7f) (7 runners)

1 (4) 100053 TAUFAN BLU 7 (D,F,G,S) (Hambleton Lodge Ltd) B Beasley 4-9-7 ... J Fortune 95
2 (5) 060613 AMAZING FEAT 5 (D,BF,F,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 ... K Darley 90
3 (2) 20-4020 SOIREE 27 (CD,G) (S Mino) B Hills 4-9-5 ... G Duffield 87
4 (7) 2-133 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 56 (D,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 3-9-1 ... R Hills 90
5 (6) 3-35005 SHIRO 12 (F,S) (Saeed Manana) R Williams 3-8-9 ... W Carson 95
6 (1) 022254 FIELD OF VISION 6 (D,F) (R Hoggins) M Johnston 3-8-5 ... T Williams 92
7 (3) 13-2112 HI NOD 5 (D,F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 3-8-5 ... N Connorton [top]

BETTING: 2-1 Hi Nod, 7-2 Amazing Feat, 5-1 Absolute Magic, 11-2 Taufan Blu, 6-1 Shiro, 10-1 Field Of Vision, 14-1 Soiree.

1992: SHARPALTO 5-10-0 K Darley (6-1) Mrs M Reveley 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAUFAN BLU 6½l 3rd of 7 to Arjuzah in a listed race at Doncaster (7f, soft). AMAZING FEAT 2½l 3rd of 14 to Fraam in a handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft). SOIREE ¾l 2nd of 5 to Badie in a conditions race at Pontefract (1m 2f, soft). ABSOLUTE MAGIC 5l 3rd of 9 to Powerful Edge in a conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). SHIRO 6½l 5th of 15 to Caleman in a handicap at Haydock (7f, good to firm). FIELD OF VISION 2¼l 4th of 10 to Corals Dream in a handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). HI NOD ¾l 2nd of 11 to Self Expression in a handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft).
Selection: AMAZING FEAT

4.40 DICK PEACOCK NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,696: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (4) 41034 BEATS WORKING 7 (BF,F) (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 ... K Fallon 95
2 (6) 242 ZUBOON 17 (BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-6 ... W Carson 91
3 (3) 41350 MOSAIC GOLD 30 (G) (Miss B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 9-3 ... N Connorton 89
4 (7) U322 HIT THE CANVAS 41 (BF) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 ... K Darley 97
5 (8) 140302 DISTINCTIVE AIR 21 (C,S) (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-7 ... M Birch 98
6 (9) 055 SINBAD 17 (Duke Of Sutherland) J Watts 8-5 ... J Lowe 84
7 (1) 0004 RIVA'S BOOK 17 (T Hemmings) J Bethell 8-2 ... R Hills [top]
8 (10) 321140 BENEFICIARY 17 (F,S) (R Griffin) M H Easterby 8-2 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 89
9 (2) 0000 CHANTRY BEATH 14 (Mrs J Kirk Scott) C Thornton 7-8 ... J Fanning 91
10 (5) 60040 BEDAZZLE 10 (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-7 ... A Mackay 98

BETTING: 9-4 Beats Working, 3-1 Zuboon, 6-1 Hit The Canvas, Distinctive Air, 10-1 Beneficiary, 12-1 Bedazzle, Mosaic Gold, 16-1 Sinbad, Chantry Beath, 20-1 Riva's Book.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BEATS WORKING 1¾l 4th of 17 to Duty Time in a nursery at Doncaster (1m, soft). ZUBOON neck 2nd of 13 to Uncle Oswald in a maiden at Chepstow (1m, good to firm). HIT THE CANVAS neck 2nd of 11 to Footsteps in a nursery at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). DISTINCTIVE AIR 1½l 2nd of 12 to Miss Man-Jong in a nursery at Edinburgh (7f, firm). RIVA'S BOOK 10¼l last of 4 to Elan Castle in a maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm).
Selection: HIT THE CANVAS

5.10 BOGSIDE CUP (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £4,901: 1m 7f) (5 runners)

1 (2) 6-01124 MUJAWAB 30 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7 ... R Hills 97
2 (5) 611111 THE WHERE WITHAL 99 (F,G,S) (W Suart) M Prescott 9-1 ... G Duffield [top]
3 (1) 324122 LAKE POOPO 26 (C,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ... K Darley [top]
4 (4) 552121 MONDRAGON 32 (F) (D Young) Mrs M Reveley 8-10 ... J Lowe 95
5 (3) 216244 PRINCESS TATEUM 13 (G) (J Good) M Channon 8-2 ... W Carson 98

BETTING: 5-2 Mujawab, 3-1 Lake Poopo, 7-2 Mondragon, 4-1 The Where Withal, 5-1 Princess Tateum.

1992: BANDOLINE 8-5 D Holland (7-4 fav) B Hills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUJAWAB 4½l 4th of 12 to Edbaysaan in a handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm). THE WHERE WITHAL beat Barrak 1l in a 10-runner conditions race at Kempton (1m 6f 110yd, good). LAKE POOPO 5l 2nd of 10 to Wings Cove in a handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm). *MONDRAGON beat Milngavie 2l in a 14-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 5f 110yd, good to firm).* PRINCESS TATEUM 2¼l 4th of 20 to Hazard A Guess in a handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: THE WHERE WITHAL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Dunlop	8	21	38.1	K Darley	38	199	19.1
B Hills	16	43	37.2	W Carson	7	37	18.9
Mrs J Ramsden	15	62	24.2	R Hills	8	48	16.7
H Thomson Jones	5	22	22.7	R Lappin	8	48	16.7
Mrs M Reveley	10	55	18.2	M Birch	17	109	15.6
M Camacho	3	18	16.7	J Fortune	8	64	12.5

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.15 Patroclus. 2.45 Varsavia. 3.15 Savahra Sound. 3.45 Soojama. 4.15 Omnia. 4.45 Magic Pearl.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M 100YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 DRIFFIELD SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,595: 2m 35yd) (16 runners)

1 0313 REACH FOR GLORY 22 (BF,F,G) R Whitaker 4-10-0 ... A Culhane 5
2 4100 FAMOUS BEAUTY 10 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-11 ... L Aspell (7) 3
3 0-43 NAAWY 49 C Smith 3-9-10 ... J Tate (5) 8
4 05/0- RAAWI 35J J Norton 5-9-8 ... A Munro 12
5 3345 ANAR 29 (V,F) S Norton 4-9-7 ... O Pears (3) 1
6 /00 SIANISKI 28 N Graham 4-9-4 ... A McGlone 7
7 0000 PATROCLUS 17 (F,G,S) R Voorspuy 8-9-0 ... J Reid 14
8 5325 RAVENSPUR 28 J Parkes 3-9-0 ... D Harrison 2
9 -5440 A GENTLEMAN TWO 16 (G) J Eyre 7-8-10 ... N Adams 10
10 5-00 QUEENS TOUR 22 (G,S) T Kersey 8-8-7 ... L Charnock 15
11 4-06 MAJOR RISK 17J P Bevan 4-8-7 ... Dale Gibson 6
12 0000 HIGH CHAIR 44 P Haslam 8-8-7 ... C Adamson (7) 16
13 4446 GREY COMMANDER 22 (G) M Brittain 5-8-5 ... S Maloney (3) 11
14 6435 DON'T CRY 29 Don Enrico Incisa 5-8-1 ... Kim Tinkler 4
15 40-0 MY GIRL FRIDAY 66 D Chapman 4-7-12 ... S Wood 13
16 0-00 WHIMSICAL NOTION 65 (V) Mrs B Waring 3-7-7 ... D Wright (5) 9

4-1 Reach For Glory, 5-1 Major Risk, 6-1 Famous Beauty, 8-1 Anar, Grey Commander, 10-1 Patroclus, 12-1 Don't Cry, Naawy, 14-1 Ravenspur, Sianiski, 16-1 High Chair, 20-1 others.

2.45 EBF WILLERBY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,092: 7f 100yd) (4)

1 03 AZHAAR 17 J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Newnes 3
2 00 DROP THE DONKEY 12 N Bycroft 8-11 ... L Charnock 2
3 055 STRATHTORE DREAM 19 Miss L Perratt 8-11 ... A Munro 1
4 42 VARSAVIA 29 Lord Huntingdon 8-11 ... D Harrison 4

5-4 Azhaar, 11-8 Varsavia, 5-1 Strathtore Dream, 10-1 Drop The Donkey.

3.15 SANDSFIELD GRAVEL HANDICAP
(£5,322: 7f 100yd) (13)

1 0300 SAVAHRA SOUND 12 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 8-10-0 ... A Munro 12
2 1496 MCA BELOW THE LINE 14 (B,D,F,B,S) W Barker 5-9-10 ... S Webster 2
3 4300 BOURSIN 12 (D,F,G) P Calver 4-9-8 ... Dale Gibson 11
4 3003 STATE FLYER 14 (V,G,S) G Oldroyd 5-9-8 ... G Forster (7) 4
5 5000 MHEMEANLES 17 (B,D) M H Easterby 3-9-6 ... S Maloney (3) 6
6 32-0 COMTEC'S LEGEND 9 (D,F) J Bottomley 3-9-2 ... N Kennedy (3) 10
7 0003 YUNUS EMRE 9 (V,D,G) M Bell 3-8-4 ... W Newnes 9
8 00-0 SPANISH PERFORMER 14 (F) M Camacho 4-8-3 ... Stephen Davies (3) 5
9 -000 SPORTING SPIRIT 21 (B,S) D Chapman 3-7-11 ... S Wood 7
10 6650 BREAKING HEARTS 19 A Stringer 3-7-10 ... L Charnock 13
11 4010 COLFAX CLASSIC 24 (D,G) B Rothwell 3-7-10 ... D Harrison 1
12 0000 COAT OF DREAMS 13 (B) B McMahon 4-7-7 ... J Bramhill (7) 3
13 0500 HOD-MOD 10 A Bailey 3-7-7 ... D Wright (5) 8

9-2 Mhemeanles, 5-1 Yunus Emre, 6-1 Colfax Classic, Hod-Mod, 8-1 MCA Below The Line, 10-1 Savahra Sound, 14-1 Boursin, Spanish Performer, 16-1 others.

3.45 WOODMANSEY APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,889: 1m 1f 207yd) (19)

1 40-0 MADAM CAPRICE 24 R Guest 3-9-13 ... S Eiffert (5) 6
2 0050 BEND SABLE 19 P Haslam 3-9-12 ... J Gracey (7) 7
3 4030 MURO 31 B Lamb 4-9-10 ... J Marshall (3) 14
4 3506 TRANQUIL LADY 26 E Alston 3-9-8 ... Stephen Davies 15
5 4400 FLASHELLA 12 J Hetherton 3-9-7 ... R Painter (5) 5
6 2650 MUTAWALI 17 D Morley 3-9-7 ... O Pears 2
7 0654 ALTERMEERA 48 (B) Mrs B Waring 5-9-6 ... D Wright 13
8 0-06 SAVINGS BANK 146 T Barron 3-9-5 ... V Halliday (3) 4
9 -500 ZONK 48 J Pearce 3-9-2 ... J Tate 3
10 3583 HOT PUNCH 21 P Calver 4-9-0 ... L Aspell (5) 17
11 5006 MERRY MERMAID 17 J Bottomley 3-9-0 ... M Humphries (3) 8
12 0389 PINKERTON'S SILVER 19 M H Easterby 3-8-12 ... S Maloney 1
13 -200 SOOJAMA 98 R Voorspuy 3-8-12 ... A Procter 19
14 -465 SARAH HEIGHTS 20 Miss L Siddall 3-8-11 ... D Harrison 9
15 0050 GAMEFULL GOLD 22 S Dow 4-8-11 ... A Martinez (5) 10
16 060- MAHAASIN 397J A Bailey 5-8-10 ... W Hollick (7) 12
17 50-0 INTREPID FORT 12 (B) B Murray 4-8-10 ... G Parkin (5) 16
18 4-40 SEA-AYR 16 Mrs S Austin 3-8-7 ... N Kennedy 18
19 4220 MR ABBOT 22 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-6 ... S Copp (5) 11

3-1 Mutawali, 11-2 Muho, 6-1 Bend Sable, 7-1 Hot Punch, 10-1 Merry Mermaid, Pinkerton's Silver, 14-1 Madam Caprice, Mr Abbot, 16-1 others.

4.15 ALTISIDORA MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,525: 1m 100yd) (6)

1 4 BURRINGHAM BOY 131 B Rothwell 9-0 ... D Harrison 2
2 0 CALDER KING 16 J Eyre 9-0 ... N Adams 6
3 05 CHIPENDOZ 17 W Jarvis 9-0 ... A McGlone 4
4 66 RANA SANGA 48 J Troy 9-0 ... W Newnes 5
5 02 WEST BUOYANT 16 J Dunlop 9-0 ... J Reid 1
6 33 OMNIA 13 P Cole 8-9 ... A Munro 3

4-5 Omnia, 9-4 West Buoyant, 6-1 Rana Sanga, 16-1 Burringham Boy, 25-1 others.

4.45 END OF SEASON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,318: 5f) (13)

1 006- GOLD FORT 314 (B) B Murray 3-8-12 ... G Parkin (7) 2
2 5050 HICKORY BLUE 17 S Norton 3-8-12 ... O Pears (3) 6
3 0052 MARCHMAN 19 (BF) J Berry 3-8-12 ... J Reid 1
4 66 TARNSIDE BANKER 12 J Etherington 3-8-12 ... A McGlone 3
5 U054 MISS BRIGHTSIDE 12 (B) A Smith 5-8-9 ... N Adams 10
6 6433 CALAMANCO 12 A Smith 3-8-7 ... S Webster 13
7 COOL ETOILE R Hollinshead 3-8-7 ... A Eddery (7) 5
8 0200 KENNEDYS PRIMA 28 A Scott 3-8-7 ... J Tate (5) 9
9 -452 MAGIC PEARL 33 E Alston 3-8-7 ... Stephen Davies (3) 12
10 46- PRIDE'S DESIRE 457 T Barron 3-8-7 ... W Newnes 4
11 40 PROMITTO 17 B McMahon 3-8-7 ... Dale Gibson 11
12 0340 RUSSIA WITH LOVE 12 J Bethell 3-8-7 ... D Harrison 7
13 0 WESTERN FRIEND 12 P Cole 3-8-7 ... A Munro 8

3-1 Magic Pearl, 4-1 Calamanco, 5-1 Hickory Blue, 6-1 Marchman, 8-1 Kennedys Prima, 12-1 Promitto, 14-1 Pride's Desire, Western Friend, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Cole, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; A Scott, 6 from 21, 28.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 80, 23.8%; J Dunlop, 6 from 26, 23.1%; P Calver, 5 from 29, 17.2%; D Morley, 9 from 54, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 6 from 21, 28.6%; A Munro, 10 from 63, 15.9%; A McGlone, 3 from 23, 13.0%; N Kennedy, 5 from 41, 12.2%; A Culhane, 13 from 114, 11.4%; only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 2.00 Hesfinmentaltoo. 3.40 Bold County. Lingfield Park: 2.50 Herr Trigger, Princess Carmen. 5.20 Tarnside Rosal, 5.50 Ambivalentattitude. Beverley: 2.15 Whimsical Notion. 3.15 Sporting Spirit. 4.45 Gold Fort.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.30 Gilbertina. 3.00 Face The Future. 3.30 Sun Grebe. 4.00 Florid. 4.30 Rose Ciel. 5.00 Mustakim.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 **FLORID (nap).**

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 EBF COURAGE GORLESTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,464: 6f 3yd) (8 runners)

1 BEAMING J Fanshawe 8-11 ... L Dettori 2
2 30 BRADWELL 40 M Tompkins 8-11 ... P Robinson 7
3 5 GILBERTINA 13 B Hills 8-11 ... W Ryan 8
4 GLIMPSE L Cumani 8-11 ... J Weaver 6
5 06 GREAT TRIVIALITY 20 C Brittain 8-11 ... B Doyle (3) 3
6 5 PRISCILLA ROSE 10 C Allen 8-11 ... N Carlisle 1
7 RAKNAH B Hanbury 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 4
8 TANSY G Wragg 8-11 ... F Norton 5

11-4 Gilbertina, 7-2 Glimpse, 4-1 Tansy, 5-1 Beaming, 6-1 Raknah, 8-1 Great Triviality, 12-1 Bradwell, 20-1 Priscilla Rose

3.00 FOSTERS BREYDON WATER HANDICAP
(£3,366: 6f 3yd) (8)

1 3422 FACE THE FUTURE 12 P Harris 4-10-0 ... P Robinson 5
2 0042 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 3 (V,D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-13 ... E Husband (7) 1
3 3455 NOBLE RISK 9 R Hannon 3-9-12 ... L Dettori 2
4 5400 PURBECK CENTENARY 27 (G) P Howling 3-9-1 ... W Ryan 6
5 0584 MOVING IMAGE 17 (G,S) H Collingridge 3-9-0 ... C Dwyer 7
6 000- A LITTLE PRECIOUS 381 (D,G,S) J Bostock 7-8-10 ... S Whitworth 4
7 -002 RESTORE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) R Flower 10-8-9 ... R Price 3
8 6000 VERRO 34 (B,D,G,S) J Bennett 6-7-7 ... G Bardwell 8

5-2 Face The Future, 7-2 Letsbeonestaboutit, 9-2 Restore, 6-1 Noble Risk, 8-1 Moving Image, 10-1 Purbeck Centenary, 20-1 A Little Precious, 25-1 Verro.

3.30 GREAT YARMOUTH STAYERS HANDICAP
(£5,628: 2m 2f 51yd) (7)

1 6823 JACK BUTTON 7 (F,G,S) Bob Jones 4-10-0 ... M Tebbutt 3
2 0143 MISS PLUM 23 (D,G,S) D Loder 4-9-1 ... L Dettori 1
3 5225 GREEN LANE 34 (F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-8-9 ... S Whitworth 7
4 1232 PROVENCE 20 (CD,BF,F) P Harris 6-8-7 ... W Ryan 2
5 0221 AUDE LA BELLE 17 (F,G) Mrs L Piggott 5-8-7 ... L Piggott 5
6 0111 SUN GREBE 27 (F,G) J Dunlop 3-7-12 ... D Biggs 6
7 2420 RUSTY REEL 41 C Brittain 3-7-7 ... G Bardwell 4

9-4 Sun Grebe, 4-1 Aude La Belle, 9-2 Green Lane, 5-1 Jack Button, 6-1 Miss Plum, 8-1 Provence, 20-1 Rusty Reel

4.00 EBF JOHN SMITHS HASTINGS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,464: 1m 3yd) (7)

1 BOLD FLAME J Pearce 9-0 ... G Bardwell 3
2 DAROUNE L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver 4
3 0 DOUBLING DICE 9 M Stoute 9-0 ... P D'Arcy 1
4 2 FLORID 20 H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 2
5 0 KHATIR 14 D Morley 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 6
6 05 ROUSAY 3 C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 7
7 0 TRANS SIBERIA 20 S Woods 9-0 ... W Woods 5

2-5 Florid, 6-1 Daroune, 8-1 Rousay, 10-1 Doubling Dice, 12-1 Khatir, 16-1 Trans Siberia, 25-1 Bold Flame.

4.30 LOTTIE AND ALBERT BOTTON MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,012: 1m 3yd) (9)

1 2210 BUMAAN 30 (G) H Thomson Jones 9-7 ... N Carlisle 3
2 3106 THE FLYING PHANTOM 13 (C,F) M Tompkins 9-4 ... P Robinson 1
3 0336 ROSE CIEL 17 R Hannon 8-13 ... W Woods 7
4 024 ONE WILD OAT 17 M Stoute 8-8 ... L Piggott 5
5 13 PAVAKA 22 (V,G) D Loder 8-8 ... L Dettori 6
6 6310 GINGERBIRD 30 (G) H Cecil 8-7 ... W Ryan 9
7 4042 BALI WARRIOR 7 M Bell 8-3 ... M Fenton (3) 4
8 5041 BENFLEET 14 (C,G) R Armstrong 7-10 ... D Biggs 2
9 3021 MR ROUGH 9 (D,F) D Morris 7-7 (5ex) ... C Hawksley (7) 8

9-2 Pavaka, 5-1 One Wild Oat, 11-2 The Flying Phantom, 6-1 Bumaan, 13-2 Rose Ciel, 7-1 Bali Warrior, 8-1 Gingerbird, 9-1 Mr Rough, 10-1 Benfleet.

5.00 MILLER PILSNER YARMOUTH ROADS MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,652: 1m 3yd) (16)

1 5004 MUSTAKIM 15 R Armstrong 3-10-0 ... R Price 1
2 0409 DUBAI SUMMER 23 (B) M Jarvis 3-9-11 ... W Woods 13
3 3250 PYTCHLEY DAWN 80 J Pickering 3-9-3 ... N Carlisle 16
4 -044 DARING KING 20 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-1 ... L Dettori 14
5 2245 CLARIFICATION 19 (BF) J Wharton 3-8-13 ... P Robinson 9
6 0000 MOUJEEB 21 (V) Pat Mitchell 3-8-11 ... P McCabe (7) 3
7 6250 ASCOM PAGER TOO 13 P Howling 3-8-9 ... B Crossley 7
8 00-0 COUNT BARACHOIS 17 D Morris 5-8-9 ... G Hodgson (3) 2
9 0306 MARY MACBLAIN 52 J Hame 4-8-7 ... M Tebbutt 5
10 5500 FRIENDLY SMILE 14 (B) G Eden 3-8-7 ... J Weaver 15
11 3006 LITTLE PARK 14 C Williams 4-8-6 ... L Newton (5) 4
12 00P0 OLIVIA VAL 5 C Hill 3-6-4 ... G Bardwell 6
13 0060 RIVER FIRE 20 (V) J Wharton 3-8-3 ... F Norton 8
14 -000 RISK THE WITCH 12 R Williams 3-7-13 ... M Fenton (3) 10
15 0050 KALOKAGATHOS 42 Mrs S Williams 4-7-12 ... D Biggs 11
16 0000 GATE OF HEAVEN 12 R Spicer 3-7-7 ... B Doyle (3) 12

5-1 Daring King, 11-2 Mustakim, 6-1 Dubai Summer, 8-1 Friendly Smile, Clarification, 10-1 Ascom Pager Too, Mary McBlain, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 33 winners from 89 runners, 37.1%; B Hills, 8 from 28, 28.6%; J Dunlop, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Stoute, 19 from 93, 20.4%; G Wragg, 17 from 90, 18.9%; H Thomson Jones, 11 from 63, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 24 winners from 122 rides, 19.7%; L Piggott, 11 from 60, 18.3%; P D'Arcy, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Robinson, 12 from 69, 17.4%; L Dettori, 21 from 127, 16.5%; J Weaver, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Rainbow Heights. 2.50 Tswana. 3.20 Laftah. 3.50 French Gift. 4.20 Queen's View. 4.50 Harlestone Brook. 5.20 Tarnside Rosal. 5.50 Sophisticated Air.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Mary Hinge.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (TURF); STANDARD (AW)
DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST (TURF); NO ADVANTAGE (ALL-WEATHER)

2.20 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(Turf: div I: 2-Y-O: £3,582: 7f 140yd) (11 runners)

1 GINGER JIM P Hedger 9-0 ... M Perrett 5
2 00 LITTLE GENT 16 R Akehurst 9-0 ... L Carter (7) 8
3 000 LITTLE LUKE 86 P Butler 9-0 ... R Cochrane 3
4 4 RAINBOW HEIGHTS 13 B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 11
5 RAMSHAW R Hannon 9-0 ... B Raymond 6
6 0 SAAFI 29 C Benstead 9-0 ... M Wigham 2
7 GOLDEN BULLION S Dow 8-9 ... G Hind 7
8 LICENTIOUS R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... Paul Eddery 1
9 SILVER HUT R Charlton 8-9 ... S Raymont 4
10 08 SPARKLING ROBERTA 54 M Usher 8-9 ... M Roberts 10
11 STAR JESTER D Elsworth 8-9 ... J Williams 9

4-5 Rainbow Heights, 5-1 Ramshaw, 6-1 Silver Hut, 8-1 Star Jester, 12-1 Little Gent, 14-1 Licentious, 16-1 Sparkling Roberta, 20-1 others.

2.50 HAMMERSMITH SELLING STAKES
(All-weather: 2-Y-O: £2,532: 1m) (12)

1 5000 ERRIS BOY 7 (B) R Williams 8-11 ... M Roberts 3
2 4500 HERR TRIGGER 14 (B) J Scargill 8-11 ... K Rutter (5) 6
3 6055 KNIGHTRIDER 9 C James 8-11 ... J Quinn 10
4 0035 MR MYSTICAL 36 (B) J Moore 8-11 ... Mark Denaro (7) 1
5 4054 NOORAN 33 J Berry 8-11 ... T Quinn 11
6 3520 PACIOLI 17 M Williams 8-11 ... J Williams 7
7 433 TSWANA 22 M Campion 8-11 ... B Raymond 5
8 6036 GIGUE 17 M Channon 8-6 ... Paul Eddery 2
9 0000 LUCKY HELEN 22 S Dow 8-6 ... G Hind 12
10 2233 PRINCESS CARMEN 17 (B,BF) N Callaghan 8-6 ... R Cochrane 8
11 6540 ROCKABYE BAILEYS 19 B McMath 8-6 ... M Wigham 4
12 6464 ZORAHAYDA 9 G Moore 8-6 ... B Rouse 9

7-2 Princess Carmen, 4-1 Tswana, 5-1 Nooran, 6-1 Gigue, 8-1 Knightrider, Pacioli, 10-1 Erris Boy, Mr Mystical, 12-1 others.

3.20 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(Turf: div II: 2-Y-O: £3,552: 7f 140yd) (10)

1 AEROKING G Harwood 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 5
2 AFFIRM P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 6
3 8 ALASKAN HEIR 17 D Murray Smith 9-0 ... C Rutter 4
4 60 CHARLIE CHARLIE 21 R Ingram 9-0 ... A Tucker 2
5 CORCOVADO J Dunlop 9-0 ... R Cochrane 3
6 0 HEALTHY RISK 52 M Blanshard 9-0 ... J Quinn 8
7 3 LAFTAH 70 B Hanbury 9-0 ... M Roberts 1
8 STEAM ON N Callaghan 9-0 ... M Wigham 9
9 FRUSTRATION Lady Herries 8-9 ... J Williams 7
10 06 LADY GREY 12 D Arbuthnot 8-9 ... M Hills 10

7-4 Laftah, 3-1 Affirm, 5-1 Corcovado, 6-1 Aeroking, 10-1 Frustration, 12-1 Steam On, 14-1 Lady Grey, 16-1 others

3.50 AHJ 20th ANNIVERSARY FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (Turf: 2-Y-O: £3,377: 6f) (7)

1 0563 DOUBLE DOWN 14 (BF,F) I Balding 8-12 ... S O'Gorman 7
2 21 MARY HINGE 10 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 8-12 ... Paul Eddery 4
3 1434 STAR SPEEDER 18 (D,F,S) G Lewis 8-12 ... B Russell (5) 5
4 21 SUAAD 56 (G) H Thomson Jones 8-12 ... M Hills 1
5 5431 KERRIE-JO 17 (D,G) M Haynes 8-10 ... T Quinn 3
6 AILEENS GIRL J Long 8-8 ... J Williams 2
7 02 FRENCH GIFT 128 (BF) D Elsworth 8-8 ... R Cochrane 6

6-2 Mary Hinge, 3-1 Suaad, 7-2 Double Down, 5-1 French Gift, 8-1 Star Speeder, 10-1 Kerrie-Jo, 50-1 Aileens Girl.

4.20 NICHOLSON GRAHAM & JONES CONDITIONS STAKES (Turf: £3,406: 7f) (9)

1 2005 RUSTIC CRAFT 15 (S) D Elsworth 3-9-4 ... R Cochrane 8
2 6016 YOUNG ERN 6 (D,F,G,S) S Dow 3-9-4 ... T Quinn 9
3 -431 QUEEN'S VIEW 17 (D,F,S) L Cumani 3-9-3 ... M Roberts 2
4 3450 ROCKY WATERS 6 (CD,F,G) G Moore 4-9-2 ... B Rouse 7
5 0040 SUNDAY'S HILL 19 (V,F,G) M Blanshard 4-9-1 ... J Quinn 6
6 110- DESERT SHOT 329 (F) M Stoute 3-9-0 ... B Raymond 3
7 0113 KNOCK TO ENTER 57 (CD,F,G) M Williams 5-8-12 ... J Williams 1
8 315- AVENUE FOCH 218J (F) J Pearce 4-8-11 ... M Wigham 4
9 -505 SUMOTO 17 (G) G Wragg 3-8-8 ... M Hills 5

5-2 Queen's View, 4-1 Knock To Enter, 5-1 Young Ern, 6-1 Desert Shot, 7-1 Rustic Craft, 8-1 Sumoto, 10-1 Rocky Waters, 12-1 Sunday's Hill, 50-1 Avenue Foch.

4.50 COURVOISIER NAPOLEON HANDICAP
(Turf: £3,728: 1m 6f) (12)

1 1141 RUNAWAY PETE 44 (F,G,S) P Cole 3-9-10 ... T Quinn 3
2 4003 SATIN DANCER 17 (C,G) G Harwood 3-9-8 ... M Perrett 5
3 0010 MOSHAAJIR 26 (C,G) C Smith 3-9-7 ... K Rutter (5) 11
4 4001 MAMARA REEF 24 (D,G) L Cumani 3-9-0 ... R Cochrane 9
5 2322 FOOLS ERRAND 16 R Hannon 3-8-13 ... M Hills 12
6 3624 TEMPLE KNIGHT 17 (G) C Cyzer 4-8-12 ... M Roberts 2
7 5224 HARLESTONE BROOK 13 (BF,F,S) J Dunlop 3-8-12 ... Paul Eddery 1
8 1010 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 17 (C,G) S Dow 3-8-11 ... J Williams 10
9 -404 ABSENT RELATIVE 15J Miss B Sanders 5-8-10 ... B Rouse 7
10 2222 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 13 Lady Herries 3-8-8 ... J Quinn 8
11 540/0 YOUNG FACT 12 (C,F) R Baker 6-8-6 ... B Russell (5) 6
12 2404 SINGING REPLY 10 (CD,G) R Price 5-7-7 ... N Varley (7) 4

4-1 Mamara Reef, 5-2 Harlestone Brook, 5-1 Safety In Numbers, 6-1 Fools Errand, 8-1 Runaway Pete, 10-1 Satin Dancer, Temple Knight, 12-1 others

5.20 RENOWN LIMITED STAKES
(Turf: £3,598: 7f 140yd) (12)

1 0040 CONFRONTER 9 (V,CD,G,S) S Dow 4-9-0 ... J Williams 5
2 0000 DUTY SERGEANT 20 (D,F,G) M Muggeridge 4-9-0 ... Mark Denaro (7) 4
3 60-0 SPRING SAINT 13 M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-0 ... S Raymont 7
4 6036 WAVE HILL 6 (F,G) P Hedger 4-9-0 ... M Perrett 8
5 0020 WILD AND LOOSE 35 (G) D Elsworth 5-9-0 ... B Raymond 11
6 4124 MR NEVERMIND 30 (D,F,G) G Moore 3-8-10 ... B Rouse 1
7 1136 LAUREL QUEEN 22 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-9 ... T Quinn 9
8 0-00 ROCALITY 94 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-8-9 ... Paul Eddery 12
9 4003 CHAMPAGNE 'N ROSES 38 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-5 ... M Roberts 2
10 0525 PRINCESS HAYLEY 19 M Doule 3-8-5 ... M Hills 10
11 2005 TARNSIDE ROSAL 17 (V,F,G) J Etherington 3-8-5 ... R Cochrane 3
12 1320 TRINITY HALL 14 (S) C Horgan 3-8-5 ... J Quinn 6

7-2 Laurel Queen, 9-2 Champagne 'N Roses, 11-2 Wave Hill, 6-1 Tarnside Rosal, 8-1 Wild And Loose, Mr Nevermind, 10-1 Princess Hayley, Confronter, 12-1 others

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4 2250 AVRIL ETOILE 17 L Holt 3-9-6 ... J Williams 8
5 0002 LITTLE OSBORNE 13 (B) M Bell 3-9-0 ... M Hills 1
6 0500 BELTHORN 42 J Bridger 4-9-0 ... S O'Gorman 4
7 6400 GAYNOR GOODMAN 16 P Hedger 3-8-12 ... M Perrett 7
8 0000 HARD ROCK MINER 44 T McGovern 3-8-3 ... S Mulvey (7) 6
9 0006 DISTANT DYNASTY 20 J Long 3-8-0 ... Wendy Jones (7) 10
10 0060 AMBIVALENTATTITUDE 49 (B) D Jermy 3-7-11 ... J Quinn 5

3-1 Sophisticated Air, 7-2 Chili Lady, 4-1 Little Osborne, 9-2 Avril Etoile, 8-1 Gaynor Goodman, 10-1 Distant Dynasty, 12-1 Coalisland, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 12 winners from 29 runners, 41.4%; R Charlton 6 from 17, 35.3%; B Hills, 32 from 103, 31.1%; G Wragg, 10 from 34, 29.4%; B Hanbury, 9 from 39, 23.1%; H Thomson Jones, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: S Raymont, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; M Roberts, 31 from 171, 18.1%; T Quinn, 86 from 479, 18.0%; K Rutter, 9 from 50, 18.0%; B Raymond, 18 from 107, 16.8%; M Hills, 40 from 241, 16.6%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: soft

2.20 (5f 6yd) 1, HELLO MISTER (P McCabe, 8-1); 2, Daily Star (J Carroll, 2-1 fav); 3, Alzianah (G Duffield, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 5 Sarmatian (4th), 13-2 Monsieur Petong (5th), 11 Random (6th), 16 Sporting Heir. 7 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1l, nk, 2l. J O'Donoghue at Reigate. Tote: £10.60; £2.90, £1.50. DF: £10.20. CSF: £22.82. 1min 02.30sec.

2.50 (7f 16yd) 1, LUHUK (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, William Tell (J Reid, 10-1); 3, Rory Creek (L Dettori, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav So Sedulous (4th), 13-2 Danish Heights, 7 Faras Elnass (6th), 10 Gay Devil, 20 Fair And Fancy, 33 Sakic (5th), 50 Poly Screen, Bello Gallico, Princess Tallulah, Hillswick. 13 ran. NR: Trade Wind, Wilcuma. ¾l, 1½l, hd, 3l, 3l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £7.10; £2.20, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £33.40. CSF: £58.16. 1min 34.59sec.

3.20 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, FELAWNAH (M Roberts, 1-2 fav; Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Geordie Song (J Carroll, 7-1); 3, Shady Bank (R Price, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Lambast (4th), 66 Cielle (5th), 100 Touchee Bouchee (6th). 6 ran. 3½l, 4l, 1½l, 12l, 5l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.36. 2min 15.11sec.

3.55 (1m 14yd) 1, *SILVER GROOM* (T Quinn, 12-1); 2, Danny Boy (J Reid, 8-1); 3, Greenbank (L Dettori, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-favs Miss Fascination (4th), Velasco (6th), 8 Smart Teacher (5th), 10 The Snout, 12 Akhtak, 25 Jalib, Ruby Cooper, 100 Arras Royale. 11 ran. NR: Frosty Morning, Mim. 5l, 1l, 1½l, 5l, 1½l. A Jarvis at Abingdon. Tote: £11.90; £2.70, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £79.10. CSF: £101.12. Tricast: £828.78. Trio: £56.80. 1min 47.73sec.

4.25 (5f 6yd) 1, ELEVATOR SHAFT (T Quinn, 9-2 fav); 2, Forgotten Dancer (G Duffield, 6-1); 3, Certificate-X (T Williams, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Left Stranded (6th), 6 Mr B Reasonable, 10 Iva's Flyer, 12 Baton Bleu, 16 Thorny Bishop (5th), 25 Classical, 33 Betawaydeckerway. 12 ran. ¾l, nk, ¾l, ¾l, nk. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £3.00, £2.20. DF: £21.70. CSF: £32.71. 1min 02.76sec.

5.00 (7f 16yd) 1, PRINCELY FAVOUR (L Dettori, 100-30); 2, Able Choice (M Hills, 9-1); 3, Hilary Gerrard (G Duffield, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Simply Sooty (4th), 3 Silent Expression (6th), 10 Chapka (5th). 6 ran. 3l, ½l, ¾l, 4l, 10l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.90; £2.30, £3.40. DF: £9.90. CSF: £25.71. 1min 33.89sec.

5.35 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, PRINCESS ERMYN (D Gibbs, 7-4 fav); 2, Holiday Island (L Carter, 9-2); 3, Mon Pettinamour (A Whelan, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Spring To Glory (5th), 8 My Senor (4th). 5 ran. 12l, ½l, 15l, nk. M Dixon at Epsom. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.51. 2min 35.56sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £17,145.43 carried forward to Newbury tomorrow).

Placepot: £559.40.

Yarmouth

Going: good to soft

2.30 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Bell Gown (L Newton, 10-1); 2, Jade Green (5-6 fav); 3, Lyn's Return (4-1). 9 ran. NR: Overpower, Cutthroat Kid, Platinum Venture. 2½l, 10l. C Lines. Tote: £13.10; £2.60, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £18.65.

3.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, American Swinger (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 2, Port Sunlight (13-8 fav); 3, Top Shiel (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Sovereign Page, Lyphantastic, Eden's Close, Rival Bid. 1½l, 2½l. P Harris. Tote: £3.50; £2.20, £1.40. DF: £9.90. CSF: £9.93. Tricast: £28.21.

3.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Storm Canyon (B Raymond, 11-8 fav); 2, Mhtrl Al Hawa (5-2); 3, Rock Symphony (11-1). 6 ran. 1½l, nk. J Gosden. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.87.

4.00 (7f 3yd) 1, Duckey Fuzz (Michael Denaro, 8-1); 2, Kamiska (5-2 fav); 3, Glenfield Greta (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Perdition, Saboteur. 5l, 1l. R Flower. Tote: £8.00; £2.10, £1.40, £6.90. DF: £13.00. CSF: £27.81. Tricast: £370.66.

4.35 (6f 3yd) 1, Turtle Rock (W Ryan, 7-2); 2, Ewar Empress (9-1); 3, Killing Time (8-2). Bashful Brave 5-4 fav. 5 ran. 5l, 2½l. S Norton. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £2.80. DF: £10.70. CSF: £24.61.

5.05 (7f 3yd) 1, Indhar (L Newton, 10-1); 2, Stoller (25-1); 3, Kafahi (10-1). Tortuga 13-8 fav. 19 ran. 1l, nk. J Banks. Tote: £14.90; £3.90, £5.60, £2.10. DF: £739.40. CSF: £228.82.

5.40 (1m 3yd) 1, Celia Brady (C Rutter, 9-2); 2, Mahool (16-1); 3, Let's Get Lost (9-2). Casting Shadows 7-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Shining Jewel, North Esk, Amadeus Aes. 2½l, ½l. H Candy. Tote: £5.40; £2.30, £3.00, £1.10. DF: £34.80. CSF: £57.22. Tricast: £302.56.

Placepot: £97.60.

Beverley

Going: good to soft

2.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Glorieste (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Storm Heights (20-1); 3, Wings Ahead (16-1), 4, Olympic Bid (16-1). Surprise Breeze 5-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Salt Stone. 1½l, 2l. R Guest. Tote: £9.10; £2.00, £8.80, £5.00, £4.30. DF: £206.60. CSF: £188.00. Tricast: £2,911.24. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.40 (7f 100yd) 1, Star Jazz (Paul Eddery, 5-1); 2, Iron Gent (4-1); 3, Bures (25-1). Mumtaz Flyer/Evens fav. 13 ran. Sh hd, 1l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £5.80; £1.50, £1.80, £4.30. DF: £9.10. CSF: £25.27. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.10 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Maradonna (R Cochrane, 3-1 fav); 2, Westfield Moves (6-1); 3, Rousitto (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Kelmutu. 1l, 1½l. L Cumani. Tote: £4.00; £2.60, £2.00, £2.90. DF: £11.90. Trio: £36.40. CSF: £22.23. Tricast: £156.93.

3.40 (2m 35yd) 1, Riviere Actor (Paul Eddery, 6-1); 2, Oufion (9-4); 3, Chummy's Pal (8-1). Rumpus 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 3l, ½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £7.20; £1.70, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £11.10. CSF: £19.50.

4.10 (5f) 1, Multi National (K Fallon, 9-2), 2, Billie Grey (4-1 fav), 3, Antananarivo (9-2). 21 ran. NR: Naz Carrera, Eileen's Darling. 3½l, 3½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £6.00; £1.80, £2.00, £3.00. DF: £19.00. CSF: £24.21.

4.40 (1m 100yd) 1, Saida (A Culhane, 8-1), 2, Dancing Beau (5-1); 3, Can Can Charlie (12-1). Persiansky 9-2 fav. 11 ran. Hd, 1¾l. R Whitaker. Tote: £8.80; £3.30, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £17.20. CSF: £36.12. Tricast: £329.22.

5.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Tatami (R Cochrane, 6-4 fav); 2, Bonaugus (6-1); 3, Brave Patriarch (4-1). 11 ran. NR: Harpham Hero. 3½l, ½l. L Cumani. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £12.27.

Placepot: £1,100.90.

Exeter

Going: good

2.15 (2m 3f hdle) 1, King Ubad (A Maguire, 12-1); 2, Urban Cowboy (8-1); 3, Chickabiddy (66-1). Peclorus 4-7 fav. 12 ran. 7l, 10l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £9.40; £2.70, £1.80, £3.50. DF: £22.40. CSF: £90.31.

2.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Arran View (Mr J L Llewellyn, 13-2); 2, Preenka Girl (11-8 fav), 3, Daring Class (7-1). 8 ran. NR: Glencommon. 10l, 3l. B Llewellyn. Tote: £8.10; £2.60, £1.60, £3.50. DF: £10.20. CSF: £18.18.

3.15 (2m 3f ch) 1, Titus Andronicus (R Supple, 3-1), 2, Comic Line (3-1); 3, Sharpridge (2-1 fav). 6 ran. 25l, 10l. N Gaselee. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £3.90. CSF: £12.02.

3.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, October Brew (R Dunwoody, 9-1); 2, Cornish Cossack (9-2); 3, Methel (6-2 fav). 12 ran. 4l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.60; £2.00, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £7.80. CSF: £47.28.

4.15 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Drumstick (N Williamson, 9-4), 2, Court Rapier (4-1); 3, Ardcroney Chief (5-1). Acre Hill 2-1 fav. 5 ran. NR: Bill Quill. 8l, 5l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £3.90. CSF: £10.46.

4.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Mohana (Mr N Moore, 6-4 fav); 2, Amphigory (9-1); 3, Final Sound (5-1). 8 ran. 7l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £13.30. CSF: £15.04. Tricast: £52.28.

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England captain shows heart of steel by leaving out his boyhood inspiration

Atherton signals end to Gower's Test days

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

MICHAEL Atherton will never be mistaken for Brutus. He is no orator (outside his bathroom at any rate) and has no known republican leanings. Yet, as his blade felled David Gower yesterday and left him stricken like some Caesar of the summer game on the steps of Lord's, the England captain could say with the noblest Roman: it was not that I loved Gower less, but England more.

Only last month, Atherton was happy to present the name of the batsman whom he first watched at the age of 11 and admired so much that he told his father: "When I grow up I want to be like him." But Dennis Amiss argued long and hard on Graeme Hick's behalf before the Oval Test, got his way, and in the two subsequent meetings the captain has had with Amiss and Keith Fletcher the touring party emerged by a process of osmosis.

Initially Fletcher and Amiss wanted a senior batsman in the party as a form of insurance. After that long-awaited victory over Australia in the sixth Test, Atherton's view, that younger players should be given first pick, prevailed. No vote was taken on Tuesday night: none was needed.

So whither Gower? At his age, 36, Tom Graveney had six more years of Test cricket in him though, like Gower, he did not know it at the time. England selectors never really change: brilliance is always mistrusted. Cyril Washbrook, famously, was 41 when he allowed his fellow selectors to co-opt him against Australia in 1956. Graham Gooch, it will not have escaped Gower's attention, has turned 40 playing better than ever, certainly more productively.

Gower is different. He does not lack alternative offers, commercial and media related, and he has never viewed cricket as the solitary point of existence.

He was let down badly last winter, when he was deselected for India after successfully returning to the side against Pakistan, and only at the weekend was teased by Gooch's peculiar advocacy for the West Indies tour, which will have creased the faces of Atherton and Fletcher in astonishment.

"His comments took me completely by surprise and came two or three years too late," Gower said. "What brought about the change of heart, God only knows. But it hasn't worked because my name is not on the list. Mike Atherton is the man in charge and he has his own very strong ideas.

"In as much as my hopes have been built up in the past few weeks, I am disappointed. I was ready for either possibility but I was not banking on my selection and by going down the avenue they have chosen, backing youth, at least the selectors have found a strategy for once.

"It is best to have realistic hopes but obviously one's ambitions become less realistic as time passes." With a year of his Hampshire contract to run Gower must now decide when best to submit to retirement.

"If you are a betting man, you might suggest this is the end of my Test career," he said. "As time goes by it is harder for me to convince the powers that be I'm their man. The odds are against it and the likelihood they will return to anyone other than Graham Gooch next summer is diminishing.

"I'm not making any big, bold, rash decisions on the spur of the moment. There are options and Hampshire are very much one one of them because I have a year to go on my contract."

Mike Gatting and Allan Lamb should have less grievance with their non-selection, although Gatting fancied himself for the A team captaincy. Had Phil Neale not been appointed as the team's manager — and one wonders why he and Bob Bennett are required jointly — Gatting may well have got the nod.

Spin, spin, goes time's wheel. Ian Botham (Test debut 1977) has retired, Gower and Gatting (1978) have read the runes, Gooch (1975) will be required only if younger men fail and Lamb (1982) is free to return to South Africa, should he wish. In different measures they will be missed — Botham and Gower most of all.

It is an odd world in which Gower is treated so unsympathetically and Chris Lewis, who was so feeble in the first two Tests of the summer, is cosseted. Atherton will tell Lewis to bowl flat out in the Caribbean, using him in spells of four or five overs, but it is hard to feel too charitable about his return to favour.

Atherton will probably never be in a stronger position to dictate his terms, and no one should doubt that this party bears his stamp. This tour, above all others, is the litmus test of a cricketer's mettle and can undo reputations as easily as make them.



MIKE WALKER

Gower gazes at new horizons at the County Ground, Southampton yesterday after hearing news of his omission from England's winter plans

ENGLAND
(to West Indies)

Jan 15 1994: party arrives in Antigua. 23-26: Antigua XI, Antigua. 29-31 St Kitts and Nevis, St Kitts.

Feb 3-6: Leeward Islands, Antigua. 10-13: Barbados, Barbados. 16: First one-day international, Barbados. 19-24: First Test, Jamaica (rest day, Jan 22). 26: Second one-day international, Jamaica.

March 2: Third one-day international, St Vincent. 5: Fourth one-day international, Trinidad. 6: Fifth one-day international, Trinidad. 10-13: WI Board President's XI, Guyana. 17-22: Second Test, Guyana (rest day, March 21). 25-30: Third Test, Trinidad (rest day, March 28).

April 2-5: WI Board XI, Grenada. 8-13: Fourth Test, Barbados (rest day, April 11). 16-21: Fifth Test, Antigua (rest day April 19).

ENGLAND A
(to South Africa)

Nov 30 1993: party arrives in Johannesburg.

Dec 1-3: practice in Johannesburg. 4: Transvaal Invitation XI, Alexandra. 6: Western Transvaal, Potchefstroom. 8: Eastern Transvaal, Springs. 10-13: Transvaal, Johannesburg. 15: Eastern Province Invitation XI, Zwide (Port Elizabeth). 17-20: Eastern Province, Port Elizabeth. 23: Western Province Invitation XI, Langa (Cape Town). 26-29: Western Province, Cape Town.

Jan 1-4 1994: Natal, Durban. 7-10: Northern Transvaal, Centurion Park (Pretoria). 12: Griqualand West, Kimberley. 14-17: Orange Free State, Bloemfontein. 21-24: "Border," East London. 27-31: South Africa A, Port Elizabeth.

Tour place for Loye rounds off his season of promise

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ON TUESDAY evening, Malachy Loye collected an award as the county cricketers' young player of the year. Yesterday, he learned he had also won the admiration of the England selectors as he was named as the junior member of the A team to tour South Africa.

Loye, just 21, is in his first full season with Northamptonshire and might be thought to have jumped the queue. Alistair Brown and Martin Speight, who both miss out, can certainly feel aggrieved. But Loye, tall and correct, has impressed wherever he has played this year.

The A team, confined to 14 players to compensate for the senior side taking 17, divides neatly into those who narrowly missed out on selection for the Caribbean and those who are maybe two years away from full Test caps.

Included in the former group are the captain, Hugh Morris, who also led the A team to West Indies two years ago, and his deputy, Alan Wells. There are also five players who appeared during the Ashes series, and another, in Dominic Cork, who has played one-day internationals.

Steve Rhodes, the wicketkeeper, and Robert Croft, the off-spinning all-rounder, have both made previous A-team tours, while Loye, John Crawley, Darren Gough and Adrian Dale are new to touring at this level.

The development of the opening partnership between Crawley and Mark Lathwell, both still 21, will be closely observed by those responsible for the senior side. Dale has had an outstanding season for Glamorgan and Gough, by taking 54 first-class wickets at 26, has performed the feat of carrying the Yorkshire attack at the age of 22. He promises to follow a great tradition of Yorkshire fast bowlers.

The party leaves for Johannesburg on November 30 and will play seven first-class games leading up to an unofficial five-day "Test" against South Africa A.

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Ranatunga and de Silva lead revival

SRI Lanka recovered from an early shock to end the second day of the third Test match against South Africa on 117 for three in Colombo yesterday, still 199 behind South Africa's first-innings total of 316.

Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, and his deputy, Aravinda de Silva, put on 62 runs for the fourth wicket in an increasingly confident stand after they had survived early chances.

Sri Lanka started poorly when Chandika Hathurusinghe was dismissed by Allan Donald with only one run on the board, the seventh successive innings in which he had fallen to Donald.

Brilliant fielding by Jonty Rhodes in the covers enabled Richard Snell to run out the wicketkeeper, Pubudu Dasanayake at 27 and Roshan Mahanama was caught at second slip off Brett Schultz shortly after bringing up the Sri Lanka 50.

Earlier, Darryll Cullinan had made 102, his maiden Test century, before South Africa were bowled out, 20 minutes before lunch.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson c Tillekeratne b Dharmasena	22
*K C Wessels b Liyanage	25
W J Cronje b Ramanayake	24
D J Cullinan c Ramanayake b Jayasuriya	102
J N Rhodes st Dasanayake b Muralitharan	7
B M McMillan c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan	2
†D J Richardson c de Silva b Muralitharan	62
P L Symcox c Tillekeratne b Ramanayake	30
R P Snell not out	13
A A Donald lbw b Ramanayake	1
B N Schultz c de Silva b Muralitharan	0
Extras (b5, lb10, nb11)	27
Total	316

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-53, 3-95, 4-108, 5-128, 6-250, 7-261, 8-311, 9-315.
BOWLING: Ramanayake 25-4-75-3; Liyanage 21-4-58-1; Hathurusinghe 6-4-5-0; Dharmasena 28-5-79-1; Muralitharan 35.1-8-84-4; de Silva 1-0-9-0; Jayasuriya 5-1-9-1.

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama c McMillan b Schultz	25
U C Hathurusinghe c Richardson b Donald	1
†P B Dasanayake run out	8
P A de Silva not out	44
*A Ranatunga not out	30
Extras (b1, lb2, nb6)	9
Total (3 wkts)	117

H P Tillekeratne, S T Jayasuriya, M D Muralitharan, K Dharmasena, H C P Ramanayake and D Liyanage to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-27, 3-55.
BOWLING: Donald 9-2-31-1; Schultz 12-3-17-1; McMillan 16-4-41-0; Snell 11.2-4-25-0.
Umpires: B Aldridge (New Zealand) and B C Cooray (Sri Lanka)

Players take active role in re-examining laws



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

Five leading players travelled to Cardiff last month to meet coaches and referees from the five nations. The quintet included Olivier Roumat, captain of France in South Africa in June after the injury to "Jeff" Tordo, and John Hall, the experienced Bath flanker who was with England A in Canada during the summer.

The object of the meeting, which has been held customarily at the end rather than the beginning of the season, was to discuss that old bugbear, the interpretation of the laws, which will rear its head again when the Australians tour France this autumn and the New Zealanders play in England and Scotland.

"I hope," one delegate said after the meeting, "that one of the referees who was there gets the All Black matches this autumn." He was referring to the internationals on November 20 at Murrayfield and November 27 at Twickenham and, inevitably, his prayer has not been answered. The matches will be handled by South Africa's leading official, Freek Burger, and the two internationals between France and Australia go to Col Hawke, from New Zealand.

Efforts to find a common interpretation of the law seem doomed to come to nothing. That may be a commentary on the laws themselves: too involved, with corollaries in note form that try to cover every situation that might arise. More worrying is that laws may also be set aside for marketing reasons.

Paul Burnell, the Scotland prop who toured with the British Isles in New Zealand, doubtless told the Cardiff meeting of the attitude of the local referees who permitted play to continue if they perceived "positive intent" in the actions of player: the concern was to produce a game of constant action that could hold its own against rugby league.

That is a simplification of an involved issue that touches on basic philosophies towards rugby union (too structured and slow in the northern hemisphere, too loose in the south). You cannot go through Australasia without hearing talk about the "entertainment dollar", the perceived threat to New Zealand rugby when the Auckland Warriors rugby league side begins trading next year, the contempt with which northern-hemisphere administrators appear to be held.

The north, specifically Great Britain and Ireland, is perceived as putting an unjustified brake on the game's development and it is not hard to construct arguments supporting that belief. Every vehicle, however, requires some method of slowing, lest it career downhill and crash in ruins. "In certain areas New Zealand have gone too far," Mike Slemen, the assistant England coach, said. "Continuity at all costs could be to the detriment of the game. If we go outside the law and are not careful, anarchy sets in."

It is worth noting the significant contribution made at Cardiff by France, whose Marcel Martin chaired proceedings. For many years the French — or at least, their apologists — have nurtured the theory of an Anglo-Saxon refereeing conspiracy designed to thwart their players; most recently in 1992 when Stephen Hilditch, of Ireland, sent off two front-row forwards during the international with England in Paris.



Roumat: enlightening

Roumat's comments were an enlightening addendum to the video presentation made of the lineout and Patrick Robin, who refereed two of the games between New Zealand and the Lions during the summer, made valuable contributions to the ruck-maul debate.

The five nations discovered slight anomalies in their approach to aspects of law. There was an acknowledgement that in the north, and notably in England, the game is slower to adapt to law changes. That may be a national characteristic: we are happier with the devil we know than the devil we don't. Alternatively, no sooner have England discovered a game plan which earns them two grand slams than somebody changes the laws and puts them back to square one.

However the Rugby Football Union has established a working party (I can almost hear the ironic cheers from down under) which includes present players such as Rob Andrew and Jeff Probyn and immediate past players such as Paul Ackford. Its aim is to establish exactly what they want from the laws and then present a coherent argument to the International Rugby Football Board at the end of next year.

Meanwhile, we must wait for the five nations' championship in the new year to see whether they, at least, are playing to the same laws after the Cardiff accord. Remembering the tart comments of Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, after the Lions series, I cannot wait to hear his reaction after the internationals in November.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (19603)
7.00 Breakfast News (33549603)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Items on prostate problems, breast cancer and contraception (s) (4700852)
9.20 ***Pop Goes Summer***. Ross King with the 1970s group, Emerson, Lake and Palmer (s) (1026264)
9.45 Whatever Happened To ..? Stories that once made the headlines (s) (3512055)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1778806) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7475581) **10.30 Rupert** (r) (1951264) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning** presented by Nick Owen (2399448)
11.00 News (*Ceefax*), *regional* news and weather (5208103) **11.05 Carol and Company**. American comedy series starring Carol Burnett (s) (1064535) **11.30 Farrell's Travels**. Nigel Farrell meet Britons with unusual weekend pursuits (r) (4326)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8774871) **12.05 King of the Road Revisited**. Ross King meets showbusiness legends (s) (8515036) **12.30** ***Pebble Mill Encore*** *(s) (2714239)* **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29639516)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (53974)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61179177) **1.50 Going For Gold**. With the essential Henry Kelly (61173993)
2.15 Baby M. The second and final part of the surrogate mother drama (r). (Ceefax) (563054)
3.50 The Adventures of Spot (4989177) **3.55** ***Felix the Cat*** *(3895055)* **4.10 The All-New Popeye Show** (r) (8555429) **4.30 Dizzy Heights**. Comedy series set in a chaotic seaside hotel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1255784)
4.55 Newsround (5379719) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes an item on the painter Jackson Pollock. (Ceefax) (s) (2099993)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (910061)
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (871)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (351). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top Of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (7582)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (535)
8.00 Nature Detectives. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (2790)
8.30 Waiting For God. Comedy series starring Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden as retirement home agitators. (Ceefax) (s) (5697)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather (9081)*
9.30 One Foot In the Grave. The first of a re-run of the comedy series starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (Ceefax) (s) (64429)

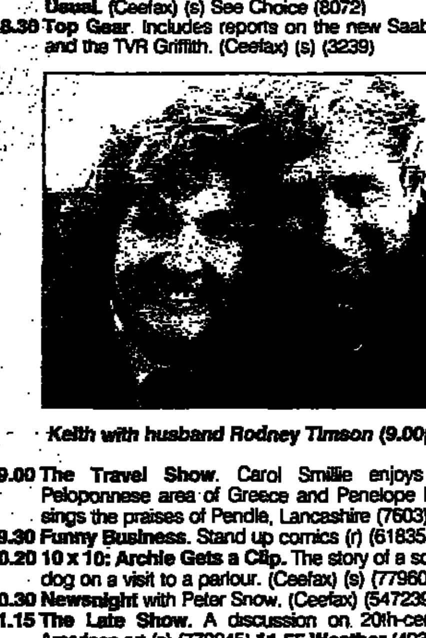


A fashionable comedy ensemble (10.00pm)

10.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Gloriously funny comedy series starring Jennifer Saunders as a fashion PR and Joanna Lumley as her lush friend who works for a glossy magazine. With Julia Sawalha and Jane Horrocks (r). (Ceefax) (s). (54500). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight
10.30 Question Time. The first of a new series chaired by Peter Sissons. With Howard Davies, deputy-general of the CBI, Lord Jenkins and MPs Norman Lamont and Clare Short (67448). **Northern Ireland:** *Absolutely Fabulous 11.00 Question Time 12.00-12.45* Spenser For Hire; **Wales:** Shirley Bassey 11.20 Question Time 12.20am-1:10 Spenser
11.30 Spenser For Hire. Private detective drama series (s) (413910) **12.20am Weather** (8091901)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (93388)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2010622)
8.00 Breakfast News (9328513)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. How to care for leather goldleaf (r). (Ceefax) (3592413)
8.20 Six More English Towns. Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire (r). (Ceefax) (6363581)
9.00 Film: Morning Glory (1933, b/w) starring Katharine Hepburn in an Oscar-winning role as a determined young actress intent on making it big on the New York stage. Directed by Lowell Sherman (1120784)
10.10 Film: Beau Geste (1939, b/w) starring Gary Cooper, Robert Preston and Ray Milland. P.C. Wren's classic adventure story set in and around a French Foreign Legion fort in the Sahara. Directed by William A. Wellman (55164581)
12.00 House and Home. Suburban semis (r) (9965577) **12.25 Crawl Into My Parlour**. How spiders attract their prey (1538402)
12.50 Cody. The first of two programmes on Samuel Franklin Cody, the man who made the first successful powered aeroplane flight in Britain 80 years ago (r) (2894429) **1.20 Bertha** (r) (77671871) **1.35 Great Vegetarian Dishes: Cooking With Kurma** A meatless Mexican-style lunch (68256177)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60582158) **2.05 The Enthusiast**. An appreciation of the late poet laureate Sir John Betjeman (r) (3711581)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5353516) **3.05 The Model World Of Robert Symes**. A private view of a model railway collection (r) (1059993) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7940041)
4.00 Film: Some Girls Do (1969) starring Richard Johnson and Daliah Lavi. Spoof Bulldog Drummond espionage yarn directed by Ralph Thomas (24581)
5.30 Film 93 With Barry Norman (r) (s) (500)
6.00 Film: Gunfight at Comanche Creek (1964) starring Audie Murphy. Western drama directed by Frank McDonald (66055)
7.30 World Chess Championships. News from the rival events in London and Zwolle, The Netherlands (s) (177)
8.00 Plain Tales From Northern Ireland: Business as Usual. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (8072)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes reports on the new Saab 900 and the TVR Griffith. (Ceefax) (s) (3239)



Keith with husband Rodney Timson (9.00pm)

9.00 The Travel Show. Carol Smillie enjoys the Peloponnese area of Greece and Penelope Keith sings the praises of Pendle, Lancashire (7603)
9.30 Funny Business. Stand up comics (r) (618351)
10.20 10 x 10: Archie Gets a Clip. The story of a scruffy dog on a visit to a parlour. (Ceefax) (s) (779603)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (547239)
11.15 The Late Show. A discussion on 20th-century American art (s) (770245) **11.55 Weather** (493974)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (4045543). Ends **12.10am**

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CHOICE



Frank Perry and his wife Virginia (C4, 9.00pm)

Witness: On the Bridge
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Frank Perry has directed several fictional films, including the Oscar-nominated *David and Lisa*, but *On the Bridge* is a documentary and it is about himself. In June 1990 he was diagnosed as having prostate cancer and told it was inoperable. The film is a record of his life over the next 18 months. It covers the progress of the disease, the endless rounds of consultations and treatments and the determination of this cheerful, extrovert man to follow the advice of a *cancer therapist and make every day precious*. The result is brave, honest, often wryly funny and not at all morbid. Taking his cue from the old Bing Crosby song, Perry loses no opportunity of accentuating the positive. And by all accounts he still is.

Plain Tales From Northern Ireland: Business as Usual
BBC2, 8.00pm

The strongest entry to this series so far features Roy Kells, who owns a chain of fashion shops in County Fermanagh. He has had more than his share of visits from the IRA. The first was in 1973 when one of his stores was firebombed. On Easter Saturday last year firebombs destroyed the same shop again. He has been confronted by a gunman on his doorstep and seen three members of his staff widowed. And *somehow he can still draw on extraordinary reserves* of resilience and good humour. As Carlo Gebler's film opens, the shop has been moved to temporary premises in an old grain store. But Kells is determined that it will be back on its original site, come what may.

The Music Game
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Tony Slattery, with a strikingly short haircut, launches a new series of the music quiz. He is also short on adjectives, introducing Marti Webb as the "fabulous singer" and Helen Lederer as the "fabulous comedienne". The third panellist, Chris Warren-Green of the London Chamber Orchestra, is not fabulous, merely "fiercely talented". Taking its cue from Slattery's relentlessly jokey chairmanship, this is an innocuous, lightweight show which is trying to be all things to all audiences. There is bit of classical music, but mostly pop, and a determination not to be serious. On balance it is not an improvement on the BBC2's *Face the Music* and offers little of the wit and erudition of Radio 4's perennial *My Music!*

Nature Detectives
BBC1, 8.00pm

If you are squeamish about mice then you had better keep clear of London Underground stations and particularly Camden Town. The Tube seems to be crawling with mice, which is not much of an advertisement for London Transport but wonderful if you are a wildlife enthusiast. At least the mice are good at collecting litter. Even they, however, are upstaged by the story of strange noises emanating from a village *pond. Described by one local as like a sheep being* strangled in water, the racket keeps children awake at night and ruins their attempt to study for exams. To reveal the culprits would spoil the show, so I will not do so. Perhaps there is something to be said for Camden Town Tube after all. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include Sir Peter Ustinov (9505644)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket (1938055) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7564429)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (s) (8711581)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (98707005) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2770055)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (2805535)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (2717326) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (66737081) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback. (s) (61167332)
2.20 News headlines (60539448) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60598719)
2.30 TV Weekly Eamonn Holmes with more news and comment from the world of television (310) **3.00 The Young Doctors**. Australian drama (3429)
3.30 Tots TV Puppet series (s) (3983264) **3.40 The Riddlers** (9740023) **3.50 Cartoon** featuring Speedy Gonzales (3340037) **4.00 The Spooks of Bottle Bay**. Puppets (8645413) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (924993) **4.45 Bad Influence** Computer and video games reviewed (1341535)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2083332)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (455239)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (74852)

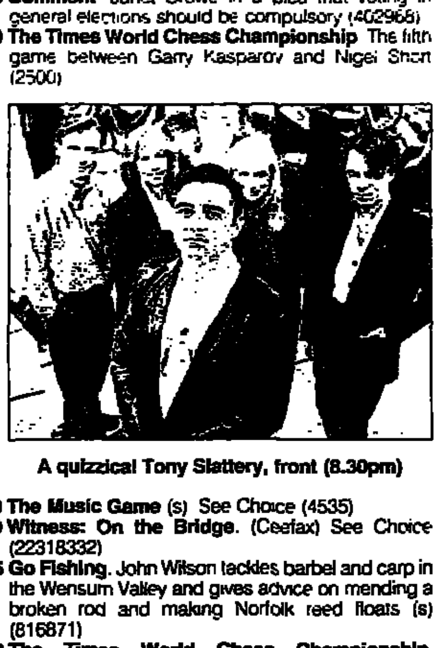


Gift wrapped from Vaughan to McKay (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale Rachel is delighted with Michael's birthday present. Starring Glenda McKay and Matthew Vaughan (Teletext) (5210)
7.30 The Big Story: If Only I'd Known. Dermot Murnaghan investigates the claims of more than 900 breast cancer sufferers that their radiation therapy treatment caused adverse effects (s) (603)
8.00 The Bill: Game of Two Halves. Trainee investigator WPC Croft goes back into uniform in order to get her man. (Teletext) (4158)
8.30 The Upper Hand. Role reversal romantic comedy series starring Joe McGann and Diana Weston (s) (6993)
9.00 Film: Die Hard 2 (1990) *starring Bruce Willis*. The sequel to the original hit finds Detective John McClane battling with terrorists who have taken over an airport in order to rescue a drugs baron. Directed by Renny Harlin. (Teletext) (s) Continues after the news (5351)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (56968) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (478245)
10.40 Film: Die Hard 2 continued (9306448)
11.55 Big City. A guide to the capital's entertainments scene (s) (533326)
12.25am Duran Duran. The career of the pop group (Teletext) (1772949)
1.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue meets husbands who infuriate their wives by constantly flirting (8720727)
2.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) *(61562)*
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (88456)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (99611)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (65901)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (67475)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (89036)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cartoon adventures of a cat (2840351) **6.45 Wowser** Canine capers (4226142)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Ulrika Jonsson (70697)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (39245)
9.30 Film: The Trail Beyond (1934, b/w). A John Wayne western in which he is searching for a missing young woman and a goldmine, both of which are in the hands of outlaws. Directed by Robert N Bradbury (12245)
10.30 The Road To Avonlea. Canadian family drama serial (r) (94351)
11.30 Pro Celebrity Golf The final round of the trophy. Hale Irwin is partnered by *EastEnder* Mike Reid and Sam Torrance by England rugby union international Jeremy Guscott (r) (59697)
12.30 Sesame Street Early learning series. The guest is Blair Underwood from the cast of *LA Law* (r) (63069) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (69974)
2.00 Film: Girl in the News (1940, b/w) starring Margaret Lockwood. Thriller about a nurse accused of poisoning her employer. Directed by Carol Reed (2303413)
3.20 How Anna Bought Bread. Animation (5279500)
3.30 The Times World Chess Championship. Action from game five between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, at the Savoy Theatre, London (29531)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley presents the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (516)
5.00 Oprah Gold Oprah Winfrey finds out what happened to guests after they first appeared on her show including the grandmother who hired a hitman and the parents accused of murdering four of their six children. (Teletext) (s) (9168332)
5.50 Mr Magoo Cartoon (850167) **6.00 Trash Talk** A sideways glance at American culture, coinciding with the start of their football season. This week Albert Thompson and Tessa Langmead are in Cleveland as the home team prepares to meet the San Francisco 49ers (581)
6.30 Gamesmaster Computer and video game show presented by Dexter Fletcher and Patrick Moore. The guest is Sean Maguire from *EastEnders* (531)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi *(Teletext) Weather (991264)*
7.50 Comment Janet Crowe in a plea that voting in general elections should be compulsory (402968)
8.00 The Times World Chess Championship The fifth game between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short (2500)



A quizzical Tony Slattery, front (8.30pm)

8.30 The Music Game (s) See Choice (4535)
9.00 Witness: On the Bridge. (Ceefax) See Choice (22318332)
10.45 Go Fishing. John Wilson tackles barbel and carp in the Wensum Valley and gives advice on mending a broken rod and making Norfolk reed floats (s) (816871)
11.20 The Times World Chess Championship. *Analysis of game five (834887)*
11.50 Film: Old Enough (1984) starring Sarah Boyd and Rainbow Harvest. Comedy drama about two young women from disparate backgrounds who form a tenuous and unlikely friendship. Directed by Marisa Silver (476448). Ends at **1.30am**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Antique Record Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r) **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country: Sarah Jory Band **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Work It Out **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Soft Top, Hard Sell **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Box 13 **7.15** Black and White: A ghost story by Jan Mark **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.00** Jo Brand The Evolution of Superwoman **9.30** Spinechillers: A history of the horror film *10.10 Eastern Beat* **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: *A Straightforward Tale* **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent **6.00** *News* **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sport **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** As I Recall **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *Mittagsmagazin* **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Cover Her Face **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *A Straightforward Tale* **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Opera House **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Cover Her Face **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Walton (Violin Concerto: Lydia Mordkovitch, LPO under Jan Latham-Koenig) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: The Yehudi Menuhin School Orchestra performs Shostakovich (*Chamber Symphony*: under Christopher Dowland). Mozart (Piano Concerto in A, K414: Nikolai Demidenko); Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht: under Peter Norris) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (2083332) **6.00** Home And Away (331808) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (850158) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (478245) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (147993) **12.50am** Film: Night Nurse (3614982) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (9317681) **3.00** America's Top 10 (88456) **3.30** The New Music (54017) **4.30** Riviera (82562611) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8313036)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61167332) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (3429) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2083332) **6.00** Home And Away (331808) **6.25** Central News (243697) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (453887) **10.30-10.40** Central News (478245) **11.55** Love At First Sight (533326) *12.25am Hollywood Report (1586543)* **1.00** The Little Picture Show (78630) **2.00** 60 Minutes (7353388) **2.55** Raw Power (8617678) **3.55** Quiz Night (82938185) **4.20** Central Jobfinder (8881663) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1240098)

GRANADA
As London except: 3.00-3.30 Sons And Daughters (3429) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2083332) **6.00** Home And Away (239) **6.30** Granada Tonight (678974) **6.55-7.00** Manchester Live (453887) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (478245) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (147993) **12.50am** Film: Night Nurse (3614982) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (9317681) **3.00** America's Top 10 (88456) **3.30** The New Music (54017) **4.30** Riviera (82562811) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61167332) **3.00-3.30** Take The High Road (3429) **6.00** HTV News (239) **6.30-7.00** Disaster Chronicles (719) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (478245) **11.55** Let Loose (877887) **12.10am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (7907630) **12.50** Film: Night Nurse (3614982) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (9317681) **3.00** America's Top 10 (88456) **3.30** The New Music (54017) **4.30** Riviera (89185) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (67475)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (239) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (719) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (478245) **11.55-12.10pm** Weekend Ahead! (877887) **4.55am-5.30** Jobfinder (8313036)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.00-3.30 Shortland Street (3429) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (239) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (719) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (478245) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (147993) **12.50am-1.10** Rocksport (8058369)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55 Tyne Tees News (794993) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (719) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (478245) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (147993) **12.50am** Film. He Is My Brother (132543) **2.30** America's Top 10 (15659) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (88456) **3.30** Film: Whitewater Sam (286291) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (2693681)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live (74852) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (478245) **11.55** RPM (533326) **12.25am** The Twilight *Zone (7272543)* **12.50** *Film: Night Nurse* (3614982) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (9317681) **3.00** America's Top 10 (88456) **3.30** The New Music (54017) **4.30** Riviera (82562611) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8313036)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (61167332) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (3429) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (74852) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (478245) **11.55** My Story (317500) **12.00am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (4366611) **12.50** Film: Night Nurse (3614982) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (9317681) **3.00** America's Top 10 (88456) **3.30** The New Music (54017) **4.30** Riviera (82562611) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55 Calendar News (794993) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (719) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (478245) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (147993) **12.50am** Film. He Is My Brother (132543) **2.30** America's Top 10 (15659) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (88456) **3.30** Film: Whitewater Sam (286291) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (2693681)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (70697) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (39245) **9.30** Film. Texas Terror (7151326) **10.25** The Road To Avonlea (8394158) **11.20** Two To Tango (4038061) **11.35** Alfred J Kwak (8960210) **12.00pm** High 5 (46581) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (60603) **1.00** Mona Lisa Of The Galilee (73784) **1.30** Opening Shot (69974) **2.00** Get Cracking (498041) **3.45** Call Waiting (3897413) **4.00** Slot 23 (3867) **5.00** The Cosby Show (6516) **5.30** Countdown (958) **6.00** Newyddion (414603) **6.20** Heno (760581) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3852) **7.30** C'r Grand (20790) **8.30** Newyddion (4535) **9.00** Taro Naw (9871) **9.30** mr don and mr george (84239) **10.00** Film: Outrageous Fortune (452448) **11.50** Nurses (999448) **12.15am** World Chess Championship (32746) **12.45** Motorcity Music Years (31017)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths Relations *6.55 Weather*
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Boccherini (Octet, Notturno, in G, Op 38 No 4); Satie (3 Gymnopédies); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 3 in D, K40); Handel (The King Shall Rejoice); Philips (Pavan and Galliard); Stanford (Irish *Rhapsody No 4 in A minor)*
9.00 Composers of the Week: Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti. Domenico Scarlatti (Sonatas: in D minor, Kk141; in G, Kk454-455: Andreas Staier, harpsichord); Alessandro Scarlatti (Lamentations for Holy Week, First Lesson of Matins for *Good Friday: Noémi Rime and* Martina Lins, sopranos, Le Parlement de Musique under Martin Gester); Domenico Scarlatti (Sonatas in B flat, Kk544-545: Ton Koopman, harpsichord); Alessandro Scarlatti (Lamentations for Holy Week, Second Lesson of Matins for Good Friday: Noémi Rime and Martina Lins, sopranos; Le Parlement de Musique under Martin Gester)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Artist of the Week: Janet Baker, mezzo. Schumann (Frauenliebe und -leben, Op 42: Martin Isepp, piano); Dvořák (Wind Serenade in D minor, Op 44: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Mahler (5 Rückert Songs: Janet Baker; New Philharmonia Orchestra under John Barbirolli); Martinů (Symphony No 4: Royal Scottish National Orchestra under Bryden Thomson); Wolf (10 Songs to *texts by Goethe*: Janet Baker, Barry MacDaniel, baritone, Paul Hamburger and Ernest Lush, pianos)
12.00 Brahms and Schubert (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Opera Matinée: Montezuma. See Choice
3.40 Presteigne Festival: Talich *Quartet performs* Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 135); Janáček (String Quartet No 1, *Kreutzer Sonata*); Dvořák (String Quartet No 13 in G)
5.00 In Tune: Andrew Green talks to the American composer Morton Gould
7.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC *Philharmonic under Sir Edward* Downes performs Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat: Kathryn Stott); Khrennikov (Symphony No 2)
8.50 Porter's Return: Andrew Porter compares concert attendance in Britain and America (r)
9.00 Leeds International Piano ***Competition: Stephen*** Plaistow presents the last round of the semi-final recitals before the concerto finals tomorrow and on Saturday
10.15 Changing Times: The last of six programmes on the development of jazz. Max Easterman examines the birth of the revivalist and bebop *movements in 1941 (r)*
10.45 A Study in Contrast – the Story of André Tchaikowsky: A reappraisal of his legacy. Presented by David Owen Norris (r)
11.30 Folksong Arrangements: Canteloube (Songs of the Auvergne: Kiri Te Kanawa, soprano); Britten (Le roi s'en va-t'en chasse; La belle est au jardin d'amour; The Miller of Dee; Ca' the yowes; The ploughboy: Peter Pears, tenor); Bartók (Four Old Hungarian Folksongs); Berio (Folksongs: Jard Van Nes, mezzo) **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl 6.03* Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Nicholas Bradbury **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Bad Housekeeping, by Sue Limb (4/10) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Opinion: New Age traveller Mike explains his lifestyle and asks society to be more understanding
10.00-10.30 Cautionary Tales from the French Countryside (**FM** only): The second play in Judy Leather's trilogy explores the *dreams of British expatriates in* France. With Christian Rodska, Nigel Anthony and Ingrid Wessler
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Esther. Eleanor Bron reads the first of two episodes
10.30 Woman's Hour interviews the actress Olympia Dukakis and discusses women's history in the national curriculum. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Brian *Johnston umpires another test* of wit and general knowledge from West Meon Cricket Club. Hampshire. With Willie Rushton, Tim Rice, Leslie Thomas and Barry Cryer **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; *The Paradise Machine*, by Paul Tham Mary Godwin (Elizabeth Mansfield) turns a virtual reality system into a nightmare product when she tries to recreate her dead daughter
3.00 News; The Global Warming Trial: From the Royal Geographical Society, experts *enter a heated debate on* global warming
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the musical *Hair* and the English National Opera's production of *La Bohème*
4.45 Short Story: Schoolfellows, by James Stephens. Read by Dan Gordon
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Document: It Is with Very Great Regret. See Choice
8.00 The Gift Horses: John Sknne examines the movement from welfare state to friendly society
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? *Presented by Ted Harrison* For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Gerald *Brockhurst, by Jocelyn Brooke.* Read by Alec McCowen (4/5)
11.00 Murder on the Orient Express: Fourth of a five-part dramatisation of the novel by Agatha Christie. With John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot (r)
11.30 Brief Lives: Joanna Buchan introduces a further series of stories from the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. Including the disturbing tale of Jake the Rake (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Document: It Is with Very Great Regret. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Private Harry Farr's mortality – he was executed for cowardice in the first world war – is transformed into a kind of immortality by Julian Putkowski's dedicated researches into some of the 300-odd men who shared Farr's fate. Putkowski spent ten years compiling his list of the cowards and deserters who faced the firing squad. Farr's case is archetypical of the rough justice meted out too often. It is small wonder Putkowski is overcome by emotion when he examines the court-martial documents in the Public Record Office.

Opera Matinee: Montezuma. *Radio 3, 1.05pm.*

Vivaldi wrote an opera called *Montezuma* all right. But it is not this one, performed by La Grande Ecurie et la Chambre du Roy, under Jean-Claude Malgoire. Vivaldi's music for *Montezuma* has vanished without trace, but the opera libretto survives intact, and it provided Malgoire with the incentive to construct a "new" Vivaldi opera. The music is an amalgam of arias from several Vivaldi operas. The title role in today's recording is sung in Italian by the countertenor Dominique Visse. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78185974) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (2420719) **9.00** Cartoons (99697) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (26239) **10.00** Card Sharks (63887) **10.30** Concentration (3067429) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9227974) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (19500) **12.00** E Street (75061) **12.30pm** Three's Company (20055) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (18210) **2.00** Roots (64516) **3.00** Another World (9915784) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (9693582) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1413) **6.00** Games World (6065) **6.30** E Street (5535) **7.00** Rescue (2142) **7.30** Full House (1719) **8.00** The Paper Chase (68239) **9.00** China Beach (44603) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as *5pm) (47790)* ***11.00-12.00 The Streets of*** *San Francisco (90103)*

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise Europe (611535) **9.30** ABC Nightline (17581) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (82351) **11.30** Japan Business Today (14974) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (28697) **1.30** CBS This Morning *(27968)* ***2.30*** *Beyond 2000 (5968)* **3.15** ABC Nightline (9901581) **4.30** News and Business Report (1332) **5.00** Live at Five (9055) **7.30** The Reporters (2061) **9.30** Talkback (21531) **11.30** CBS Evening News (87413) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (67340) **1.30** The Reporters (15678) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (53833) **3.30** Talkback (98340) **4.30** The Reporters (56833) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (64730)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8056210)
10.00 An American Summer (1990) Michael Landes spends the summer with a group of surfers in California (24871)
12.00 Chapter Two (1979) A writer loses his wife but falls in love again. Based on a Neil Simon play. With James Caan, Marsha Mason and Valerie Harper (38725697)
2.10pm Oh God! (1977) George Burns announces his return through supermarket manager John Denver (719993)
4.00 The Lincoln Conspiracy (1977) Drama about the 1865 assassination of Abraham Lincoln. With Bradford Dillman and John Dehner (9245)
6.00 An American Summer (as 10am) (58806)
8.00 Taking Back My Life (1992). The true story of a rape victim. Starring Patricia Wettig and Ellen Burstyn (53351)
10.00 The Silence of the Lambs (1991) FBI agent Jodie Foster searches for a serial killer with the help of Hannibal Lecter, played by Anthony Hopkins (11887)
12.00 Scanners 2: The New Order (1991) Horror sequel starring David Hewlett and Deborah Raffin (44051272)
2.05am Man on a Swing (1974) Fact-based story about a clairvoyant who helps a policeman to find a brutal killer. With Joel Grey and Cliff Robertson (313123)
4.00 Wife, Mother, Murderer (1991) Judith Light attempts to poison her husband and daughter. With David Ogden Stiers (56271) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Escape to Burma (1955) Robert Ryan seeks refuge at Barbara Stanwyck's tea plantation (23158)
8.00 Paper Moon (1973) Ryan O'Neal and daughter Tatum team up as a con-man and a streetwise orphan (28603)
10.00 Blue Thunder (1983): A Vietnam veteran is hired to combat terrorism at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. With Roy Scheider, Warren Oates and Malcolm McDowell (193326). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Bullet for Joey (1955) A Canadian police inspector uncovers a plot to take over the world. With Edward G Robinson (23516)
8.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983). Children's story about a baby dragon that thinks its mother is a bear (73210)
10.00 The Great Missouri Raid (1950) The exploits of the James brothers during the American civil war (22413)
12.00 The Spirit is Willing (1967) A family moves into a haunted house. With Sid Caesar and Vera Miles (69061)
2.00pm This Gun for Hire (1991) Robert Wagner stars as the hitman who falls in love with a dancer while on the run from the police and the mob (63784)
4.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (as 8am) (7887)
6.00 Guilty by Suspicion *(1990): Robert De Niro is asked to testify during the McCarthy witch hunts. With Annette Bening (56448)*

8.00 LA Story (1991). Romantic comedy starring real-life husband and wife, Steve Martin and Victoria Tennant (51983)
10.00 Omen IV – The Awakening (1991) A couple adopt a baby girl who turns out to be an emissary of evil. With Faye Grant and Michael York (607061)
11.40 The Doors (1991). Val Kilmer stars as the sixties' rock star Jim Morrison (98296332)
2.00am Grievous Bodily Harm (1989) A crime reporter investigates a series of murders. With Colin Friel (819017)
3.40 The Babysitter (1980) Patty Duke Astin stars as a psychotic nanny. With William Shatner (626920) Ends at **5.15**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (7854929) **7.15** Prime Bodies (117516) **7.45** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (116887) **8.15** Soccer News (9622581) **8.30** Motor World (45429) **9.00** Prime Bodies (56581) **9.30** Sportsworld (8854069) **10.15** Netbusters (3676535) **10.30** Major League Baseball (13448) **12.30pm** European Cup First Round: Rangers v Levski Sofia (23871) **2.30** Australian Rugby League (49790) **4.30** ATP Tennis (7974) **5.00** Watersports World (3413) **6.00** *Soccer News (407448)* **6.15** WWF All-American Wrestling (644608) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (97713) **8.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (34069) **9.00** Formula One Italian Grand Prix from Monza (86603) **10.00** Soccer News (255968) **10.15** Best of British Motorsport (146448) **11.15** Kick-boxing (135332) **12.15-1.15am** Formula One Italian Grand Prix from Monza (219861)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (42806) **8.00** Eurogolf Magazine (18697) **9.00** Triathlon (38210) **10.00** Motors Magazine (31790) **11.00** Formula One Italian Grand Prix from Monza (55326) **12.00** European Cup Football (12177) **2.00pm** Snooker (84582) **4.00** Equestrian Three-Day Event from Vittel (57603) **5.00** Mountainbike (8581) **6.00** Athletics (3535) **6.30** News (4887) **7.00** Snooking (82887) **8.00** Wrestling Free Style (91535) **9.00** *European Cup Football (54516)* **10.30** ATP Tennis (44790) **11.00** Billiards (49719) **12.00-12.30am** News (64765)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (6575993) **7.30** Neighbours (8481500) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1290332) **8.30** EastEnders (1299603) **9.00** The Bill (1117055) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1437500) **10.30** Bergerac (2491500) **11.30** *Rhoda (3110577)* ***12.00*** *Sons and Daughters* (1200719) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2902719) **1.00** EastEnders (8574264) **1.30** The Bill (2994790) **2.00** For the Love of Ada (5129332) **2.30** Don't Wait Up (6875806) **3.00** Dallas (9510513) **4.00** Dynasty (9314910) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5047784) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8879622) **6.00** Neighbours (8876535) **6.30** EastEnders (8867887) **7.00** Survivors (3508326) **8.00** For the Love of Ada (5043968) **8.30** Don't Wait Up (5128603) **9.00** Bergerac (3537210) **10.00** The Bill (1201448) **10.30** Life Without George (1114968) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9146595) **11.45** Dr Who (1121351) **12.15-2.00am** Film: The Yellow Canary (1963, b/w): Pat Boone stars as an obnoxious pop singer, whose infant son is kidnapped. With Barbara Eden and Steve Forrest (8338104)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (895535) **9.00** Jack in the Box (92968) **11.00** Stories Without Words (15697) **11.30** Say Ahhh! featuring Good Sports (16326) **12.00** Fame (11974) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (96784) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (5603) **3.30** RatKan II (4413) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (6448) **4.30-5.00** Little Smarties (5332)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (36245) **7.30** Guts (42852) **8.00** Kid's Court (84500) **8.30** Wild Side Show (63871) **9.00** We All Have Tales (50351) **9.30** Special Delivery (87993) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (18577) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (56535) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (73697) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (22581) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (85581) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (35516) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (84852) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (8968) **2.30** Special Delivery (2852) **3.00** Kablooey (78142) **3.30** Out of Control (4697) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (8332) **4.30** Hey Dude (5616) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (5448) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (3868) **6.00** Guts (3581) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (7531)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family. Parakeets in Tokyo (8784500) **4.30** Wild South (8780784) **5.00** Get Wet. The world's fastest sailboat (5045326) **5.30** Go Fishing. The Shannon (8877264) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6086603) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards. England (3579968) **7.00** Islands of the Pacific. New Zealand (3506968) **8.00** Sports: Crazy (2297577) **8.50** Sports of the World: Raramuri (4621535) **9.00** Submarines, Sharks of Steel (3595852) **10.00** Coral Reef (1292790) **10.30** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient: Japan (1105210) **11.00** We'd Rather Sing Than Steal (3716221) **11.30-12.00** The Clockmaker (1601055)

BRAVO
12.00 Film. The Share Out (1962, b/w): A private eye helps Scotland Yard to smash a blackmail racket. With Bernard Lee (87541581) **1.05pm** Film Pride and Prejudice (1940, b/w): Jane Austen's comedy of manners. With Greer Garson (43919326) **3.00** Bonanza (6269041) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners (6788326) **4.30** I Spy (1858790) **5.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (8964730) **6.00** Scotland Yard (8861603) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (8799055) **7.00** Dan August (3699622) **8.00** Film. Key Largo *(1948, b/w). Humphrey Bogart becomes* embroiled with gangsters (92977429) **9.45** Robert Benchley (4606158) **10.00** Film: All the Way Up (1970). Comedy about a social-climber who gets his comeuppance. With Warren Mitchell (1413806) **11.45-12.00** Art Linkletter and the Kids (8971719)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (8324158) **8.00** *Fame, Fortune and Romance (1992210)* **8.30** Living Daylights (1991581) **9.00** Divorce Court (1088061) **9.30** Hot Topics (7545210) **10.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth (4040622) **10.30** Living Extra (1084245) **11.00** Bazaar (3623871) **11.30** Mediterranean Cooking (3624500) **12.00** Practical Living (23269622) **12.15pm** Kilroy (9427887) **1.00** Crosswits (4665974) **1.30** Infatuation (7555697) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4041351) **3.00** Agony Hour (3708516) **4.00** Crosswits (2480956) **4.30** Infatuation (3076500) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7386055) **6.00** Your Baby and Child (3272103) **6.30** Della Smith (9577595) **7.00** Agony Hour (6187061) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6090581) **9.00** Come in Spinner. First of a two-part mini-series set in wartime Australia (8000968) **11.00** Divorce Court (3615852) **11.30** You're on the Air, with Dr Ruth (4046806) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (8831494)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (7448) **5.30** Wonder Years (3784) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2037) **6.30** Catchphrase (7177) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4784) **7.30** All Clued Up (6061) **8.00** Remington Steele (20061) **9.00** Neon Rider (44697) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (82974) **10.30** Mary Tyler Moore (91622) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (53636) **11.30** Newhart (77603) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (90765)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (897993) **9.00** VJ Marine (438784) **12.00** Greatest Hits (13332) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (765535) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (2369603) **3.45** At the Movies (2364158) **4.00** News (1094790) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1911413) **4.30** Dial MTV (7790) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (9806) **5.30** *Music Non-Stop (86806)* **7.00** Beavis and Butthead (6142) **7.30** Most Wanted (51622) **8.30** The Pulse (1697) **9.00** Greatest Hits (46055) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (329142) **10.15** At the Movies (324697) **10.30** News (115413) **10.45** 3 from 1 (111968) **11.00** Party Zone (65500) **1.00am** VJ Marine (24456) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (8653340)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (5964992) **9.30** Gardaab (79177) **10.30** Good Housekeeping (37603) **11.30** TVA and U (20832) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (21041) **12.30pm** Sona Chandi (29993) **1.00** Hindi Film. Reshma Aur Shera (340055) **4.00** Kiddie Time (99603) **5.00** TVA Dedicated to You (8451) **6.00** Close (93500) **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (88061) **8.00** English *News (285993)* **8.15** *Kainaat (592871)* **9.00** Hindi Film. Saugandh (812607) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6460272) **1.00** Hindi Film: Ghar (3021104) **4.00** ID Youth (76291) **5.00** Khiluyan (54949) **5.30-6.00** Business Plus (38340)

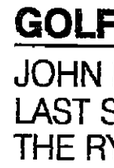
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No places for old guard as Lamb, Gatting and Gower are left out of squad for West Indies

England place the accent on youth



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, discusses the merits of the tour selection for the West Indies

ANY last doubts about Michael Atherton's approach to the England captaincy were dispelled yesterday with the announcement of an ambitious, youthful party to tour the West Indies early next year.

"We want to make a clean break with the past," Atherton said, a sentence that consigned the distinguished Test careers of David Gower, Mike Gatting and Allan Lamb to history.

The party has an average age of 26 and the oldest members are only 30. Robin Smith, with 45 caps, is by far the senior player and only two others — Alec Stewart, who will be vice-captain, and Jack Russell, who, glory be, will keep wicket — have played 30 Tests.

"We have tried to view things long term and to build on the way we ended the Ashes series," Atherton explained.

It is a selection that deserves credit on several counts. Although six men attended the meeting with a vote, Atherton and Keith Fletcher, the team manager, were granted the players they wanted and both made a point of claiming responsibility.

They have ignored the distractions of one-day cricket and chosen a squad of Test players. They have identified talent and gone for it, regardless of one or two reputations. And they have refused to cling on to the coat-tails of experience.

My misgivings are two-fold. The selection flies in the face of history and reason by including only two specialist opening batsmen for a tour on which, as Atherton, conceded, "we are likely to get an injury or two".

And by recalling Chris Lewis, England have offered the carrot to one of the game's infuriating enigmas, when the stick might have been more effective.

The illustrious figures omitted will not be surprised, as Atherton had made little secret of his intentions, but rejection will affect them in different ways. Gatting will continue his county career for some years to come and Lamb will play next season at least. But Gower now accepts that his England days are over and the removal of that incentive will probably be the catalyst for early retirement.

"It is not necessarily the end for him in my eyes," Atherton said. "But he has to decide for himself what he wants to do." As, this time, captain and manager were in firm accord, whereas Fletcher favoured Gower's inclusion last year and was outvoted, the most rewarding batsman of his generation must sense there is no way back.

Seventeen, rather than the customary 16 players, were named yesterday, which can be interpreted either as a prudent precaution or dithering indecision. As expected, the most protracted debate at the meeting on Tuesday evening concerned two batting places.

They were won by Matthew Maynard and Mark Ramprakash, the effect of which is that Hugh Morris and Alan Wells will be captain and vice-captain of the 14-strong A team to tour South Africa and on injury stand-by for the senior side.

The seventeenth place went to Lewis, who can consider himself the luckiest cricketer in the country. His inclusion, following another summer of such spasmodic merit that he exasperated first the England management and then many at his county club, Nottinghamshire, does not sit comfortably with the stated desire for players of "spirit and character".

It is not that Lewis lacks basic courage — I watched him gleefully indulge in a bungee jump, which would terrify most, in Bristol on Sunday — but that he seldom punches his weight. In Test cricket, his batting average is 25 and his bowling average almost 40: something closer to the opposite should be his aim.

The risk factor in this selection was reflected by the captain. "We feel there is a great deal of potential there," Atherton said. "It is up to us to coax that out of him.

"I have known him a long time and I have no difficulties with the bloke. Neither he nor anybody else should need motivating to play for England."

Hugh Morris would have needed none, for sure, but he is the casualty of the selectors' lapse from bravery into recklessness. Fletcher admitted that choosing only two openers was "a slight gamble" and, interestingly, did not promote Smith as a full-time replacement in case of injury.

"He could fill in here and there," he said. "But if either Atherton or Stewart was ruled out, we would call up Morris."

The exhausted subject of Graham Gooch's availability was rapidly dismissed. Quite rightly, having opted not to tour, he will not be considered, even if broken bones abound as they sometimes can in the Caribbean.

"I know him well," Fletcher said, "and he needs to bat regularly. At his age, no matter how good he is, he would find it hard to come from an English winter to play out there."

Fletcher pointed out the fielding talent in the side, which is considerable, and Atherton expressed pleasure with the bowling options available within a selection of six seamers, two spinners and Graeme Hick's occasional offbreaks.

Alan Igglesden was preferred to Martin McCague, his Kent team-mate, though both will have their fitness closely monitored before they travel, and Andy Caddick to Martin Bicknell. "We think Caddick will do well out there," Fletcher said. "If he can reproduce at Test level what he does for his county, then we could have a fine bowler in two years' time."

Peter Such was, predictably, the unlucky slow bowler, omitted after playing five Tests this summer in order to accommodate two men who spin the ball away from the bat, Phil Tufnell and Ian Salisbury.

In Tufnell's case, it is recognition of a splendid season with Middlesex; in Salisbury's, recognition of physical and psychological problems that have haunted his summer.

Only last week, a specialist report lifted the threat of surgery from Salisbury's troublesome right shoulder. A period of rest is advised. He gets married next week and, then, this gifted leg-spinner can plan for an adventurous role on what promises to be a compelling tour.

MARC ASPLAND



Atherton, the England captain, faces the inquisitive press yesterday after the announcement of his party to tour the West Indies for a five-Test series during the winter

ENGLAND (to West Indies)	Age	T
M A Atherton (Lancs)	25	29
A J Stewart (Surrey)	30	32
A R Caddick (Somerset)	24	4
A R C Fraser (Middlesex)	28	12
G A Hick (Worcestershire)	27	18
N Hussain (Essex)	25	7
A P Igglesden (Kent)	28	1
C C Lewis (Notts)	25	20
D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	30	25
M P Maynard (Glamorgan)	27	3
M R Ramprakash (Middx)	24	10
R C Russell (Gloucs)	30	31
I D K Salisbury (Sussex)	23	4
R A Smith (Hampshire)	30	45
G P Thorpe (Surrey)	24	3
P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)	27	15
S L Watkin (Glamorgan)	29	3

Captain: Atherton. Vice-captain: Stewart. Tour manager: M J K Smith. Team manager: K W R Fletcher. Physiotherapist: D G Roberts.

ENGLAND A (to South Africa)
H Morris (Glamorgan)
A P Wells (Sussex)
M P Bicknell (Surrey)
D G Cork (Derbyshire)
J P Crawley (Lancashire)
R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
A Dale (Glamorgan)
D Gough (Yorkshire)
M C Ilott (Essex)
M N Lathwell (Somerset)
M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
M J McCague (Kent)
S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
P M Such (Essex)

Captain: Morris. Vice-captain: Wells. Tour manager: B Bennett. Team manager: P A Neale. Physiotherapist: W P Morton.

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Merson's strike brings Arsenal precious lead



Seaman dived bravely

OB Odense 1
Arsenal 2

FROM KEITH PIKE IN ODENSE DENMARK

ARSENAL, recovering their composure after a wretched start, took a firm grip on their European Cup Winners' Cup first-round tie last night, winning narrowly but deservedly at the Odense Stadion in Denmark.

Arsenal will welcome back Adams, their leader and defensive linchpin, with open arms for the second leg in a fortnight, his absence through suspension having exposed some alarming flaws among his colleagues. Eventually, though, the opportunism of Wright and Merson made light of the shortcomings behind them.

Arsenal, stringing five across the middle to match the Odense quintet man for man and leaving Wright up front to forage on his own, obviously had safety in mind on a sodden pitch.

The treacherous conditions, though, could hardly explain the nervous start Arsenal had made. Within four minutes they could, indeed should, have been 2-0 down as Arsenal's uncertainty — Linighan's in particular — presented Odense with a couple of early gifts.

The first mistake was punished with a penalty. Arsenal had retreated as Hemmingsen advanced from the back, and were completely undone as the sweeper laid a 40-yard pass into the path of Thorup. Linighan sent him sprawling as he closed in on Seaman and his relief was obvious as Odense's leading scorer picked himself up and promptly sent his penalty kick against the outside of Seaman's right-hand post, the goalkeeper having dived the other way.

Within a minute, Linighan's misplaced pass granted Allan Nielsen another obvious chance, but this was sent into the side netting. Arsenal's luck could not hold, and they duly fell behind after 18 minutes. Skaarup, taking possession from a short corner on the right, drove in a firm intended cross which Keown, perhaps unsighted, unwittingly deflected just inside the far post.

It was not until Campbell was moved forward alongside Wright that Arsenal found space in which to operate. The move paid dividends with a 35th-minute equaliser. Wright was badly obstructed 30 yards out, an intricate free-kick move ended with Winterburn's low shot and, when Hogh failed to hold the ball, Wright, at his predatory best, shot into an unguarded net.

The crowd silenced and the spring taken out of Odense's step, Arsenal now looked comfortable. Wright could have given them the lead early in the second half, Campbell flicking Seaman's long clearance into his stride but Wright seeing Hogh save at full stretch diving to his left.

There were still too many mistakes being made at the other end, however. Seaman, after an intitial slip, did well to block at Tchamim's feet after McGoldrick's wayward header and, when Allen Nielsen slipped past two tackles, the Arsenal goalkeeper again had to plunge bravely among the Odense boots.

After 69 minutes, however, Merson gave Arsenal the lead, eluding two half-hearted challenges as he raced towards goal before sending a low shot past the exposed Hogh.

ODENSE (3-5-2): L Hogh — T Helveg, M Hemmingsen, T Sangild (sub: P Hjorth, 81min) — S Nedergaard, A Nielsen, B S Nielsen, C Dethlefsen, A Tchamim — B Skaarup, J Thorup.
ARSENAL (4-1-4-1): D Seaman — E McGoldrick, A Linighan, M Keown, N Winterburn — J Jensen, K Campbell, I Selley, P Davis, P Merson — I Wright (sub: A Smith, 87).
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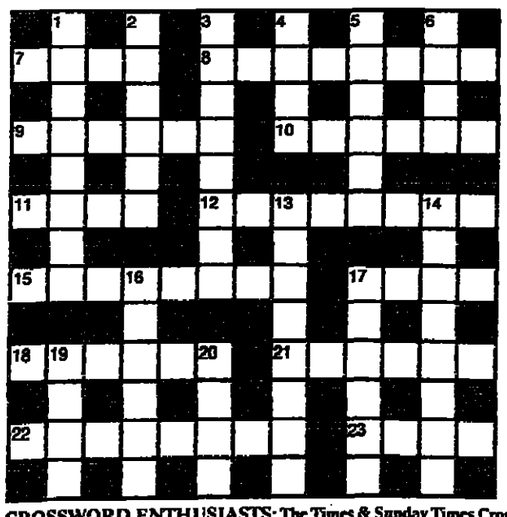
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a. A sadistic king
b. The Ephraimite Adonis
c. A holy oasis

ICHABOD
a. An invocation
b. A disappointing son
c. A judge of Israel

EHUD
a. A book of Talmudic law
b. A minor prophet
c. A left-handed judge

ABIRAM
a. Abraham's substitute ram
b. Pharaoh's wife
c. A rebel Israelite

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